



Love Letter



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All you need is love . . . tokens

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by William T. Gibbs

*It took government ban
to halt loving engraving
of coin*

Love doesn't always conquer all things, despite what the Greek poet Virgil said 2,000 years ago. The U.S. Government brought an end to love tokens in 1909, deciding they were mutilated coins, no matter that they were tokens of affection between two people.

Love tokens are not tokens in the conventional numismatic sense of a money substitute like Hard Times tokens of the 1830s or Civil War tokens of 1861-63 (most, in fact, are actual legal tender coins, carved with messages of love). Rather than meaning money substitute, "token" in "love token" is closer to the conventional meaning of the word, as in "token of affection."

Love tokens are tangible reminders of affection between two human beings. Technically, they are also mutilated coins, as the government ruled in 1909. The practice of removing the design from one or more sides of the coin and

engraving initials, designs, scenes and messages is mutilation of a sort. That's why Congress

clamped
down on the
once-common
practice of individuals
making love tokens from
coins.

The new 1909 law had a dampening effect on the production of love tokens, with fewer numbers produced after it went into effect. The law has since been revised to prohibit coin mutilation only when done fraudulently. However, there has been no surge in the production of new love tokens, even though it is permissible to do so without government intervention.

Love tokens had been created since the early 19th century. However, it wasn't until 1860, the year before the beginning of the American Civil War, that they became popular and creation of them began picking up.

When one looks at a love token from the Civil War period, one has to wonder whether a soldier carried the piece with him into battle, or maybe presented it to a wife, fiancée or girlfriend before leaving for war.

Seated Liberty coins were popular

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Financial Statement

General Funds

Balance November 30, 1994 \$7,616.75

Receipts

Dues	500.00
Interest (Bank Account)	33.96
New Members	70.00
Donations	5.00
Sale of Coins	214.50

Total Receipts 823.46

Subtotal \$8,440.21

Expenses

Check #156 Kinkos	88.35
LTS #155 duplication	
Check #157 US Postmaster - stamps	87.00
Check #158 F.U.N.	10.00
Check #159 Robert Newhouse	
- postage	15.00
Check #160 Jim Rigg	
Graphic Art LTS #156	75.00
Check #161 Kinko's - notecards	7.72
Check #162 U.S. Postmaster - stamps	98.90
Check #163 Jim Rigg - graphic art	50.00
Check #164 1995 Early Spring Convention	10.00
Check #165 Lloyd Entenmann	
- transfer of funds	214.50

Total Expenses 656.47

Balance January 31, 1994 \$7,783.74

Permanent Fund

- Audubon Savings & Loan Association
1 year certificate of deposit \$ 421.24

Membership Report

Membership - March 31, 1994	290
New Members	8
Resigned	2
Non-renewed	37

Membership as of January 31, 1995 259

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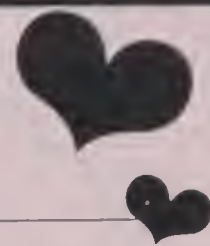
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President's Message



As usual, the activities for 1995 started off the very first week of January in Orlando, Florida, at the FUN show in the Orange County Civic and Convention Center. We had a booth and a regional meeting there. We had the usual number of visitors and inquiries, but extremely light on purchases of coins, memberships or books. It was not a love token sales show. However, our Vice President, Sid Gale, and I spent several days together, and we had a great session on handling the sale of love tokens in the Love Letter. Sid will be handling that phase of our service as of January 1st. From now on, all transactions regarding love tokens available through the Love Letter will be handled by him. His address is P.O. Box 970, Mandeville, LA 70470, telephone: 504-626-3867.

The next show will be the ANA Mid-Winter show in Atlanta, Georgia, March 2 - 4. The Society will have a booth on the floor and a regional Society meeting. It would be very helpful if we could have one or two exhibits at this show. Exhibits are a wonderful way of putting our hobby out before the uninformed. There was a two case exhibit at FUN, and it was reasonable for the only productive activity at that show. We got two new members because of that exhibit. This is what we need more than anything else -- PUBLICITY !!!! Exhibits are excellent! Try it, it seems like a lot of work, but once you do it, you will realize how much enjoyment you get from it, and you'll want to do it again. Don't forget we need THREE exhibits at least at Anaheim, California, on August 16-20. There, we have a first, second, and

third place plaque to be awarded in a love token category only.

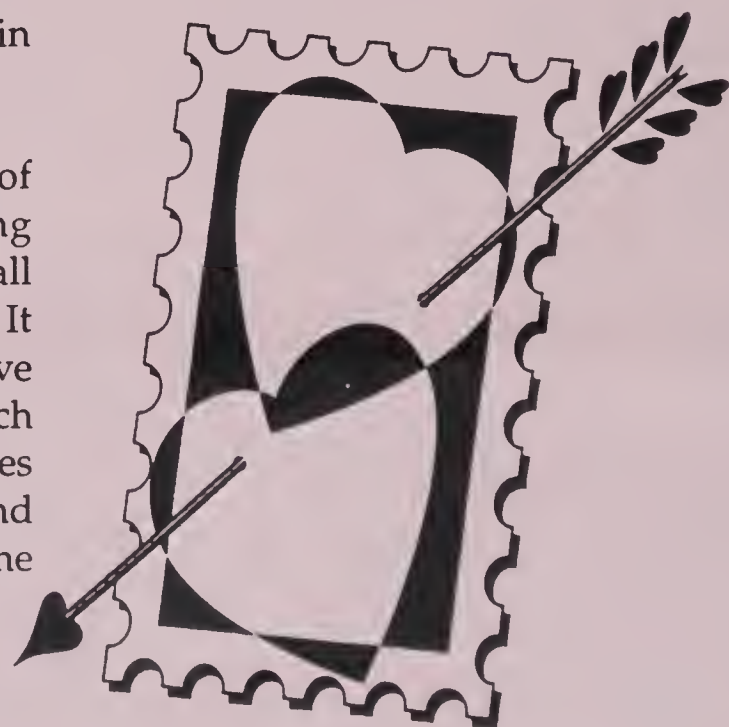
The large English love token auction I mentioned previously was held on December 13, 1994. I bid on 10 lots and was successful on only one. There were 17 tokens in that lot, but only one that I could identify as being in my book. It is on a half penny engraved on both sides with a scene on one side and a design on the other. Of the remaining 16, all but 6 are on English farthings or half pence copper coins. The 6 are on other than English coin of the realm which I cannot identify as yet. This lot cost me an average of \$18.20 per token, which makes them rather expensive. I will probably keep them as I don't know who would want to buy them since they are nothing exceptionally interesting for that price. One dealer and one collector that I know were successful in getting a number of lots. I have written to both to ask if they would sell me the pieces that I want from the lots they got. As of this date, I have had no reply from either of them, but am hopeful to get a few more pieces. There were 46 tokens in this collection that I used in my book.

I still have a large backlog of work, and have trouble getting caught up. For one thing, the last fall I had really hurt my right hand. It seems as though I injured all five fingers and broke the "pinky" which is out of joint now and interferes with my writing and typing, and still gives me a bit of pain. As the saying goes, "I am in good shape for the shape I'm in."

Quite frequently I am asked if I can find a specific name, initial or initials, love token, or less frequently, a new collector will send me a check for say \$75.00 with the request to forward enough love tokens to cover the amount and postage. I do not mind complying but yet I don't like to do it. I don't know what your tastes are. I look at a love token and to me it is a nice piece but you look at it and think it's blah. If someone else has what you are looking for, and I buy it, then you don't like it, I am stuck with it. Last year alone, I got stuck with three love tokens, all with initials "CW". When I obtained them, I thought they were nice, but not exceptional, the prospective buyer doesn't like them. I like to help member out, but not at my expense. I can't afford it.

If you are planning to attend the Mid-Winter in Atlanta, please be sure to stop at our booth and attend our meeting. Your assistance at the booth will also be very helpful.

Lloyd L. Entenmann NLG



From your new Vice President...

I just returned from FUN '95 in Orlando where I exhibited my love tokens and assisted Lloyd in the LTS booth. During this time he briefed me concerning my duties as vice president. Commencing with this Love Letter, I will handle the Love Token sales for the newsletter. I look forward to meeting all of you over the telephone and through the mail.

To introduce myself: I served on active duty in the US Marine Corps for 26 years; primarily in helicopter aviation. I retired six years ago and now make brass and copper jewelry during the week and do Art & Craft shows on weekends. I collected coins for approximately 30 years before discovering the inherent beauty of love tokens four years ago. Now my coin interests are focused almost entirely on collecting and exhibiting love tokens.

Procedure for Ordering Love Tokens

This issue has four pages of love tokens available. The first 20 coins are left from the last issue, the

rest are new. I will conduct the sale just as Lloyd did:

1. Orders will be filled in the sequence that I receive them.
2. My phone number is 504-626-3867. If I am not home, leave your request on the answering machine.
3. or, you may send your order to:

*Sid Gale
P.O. Box 970
Mandeville, LA 70470*

4. In remitting, please do not forget to include the postage. Postage costs are listed on the back of this newsletter.
5. If you have love tokens to sell please send them to the above address. The club asks the seller to contribute 50¢ per token to the society as a contribution for the service. I will include your coins in the next issue of the newsletter.

Sid Gale



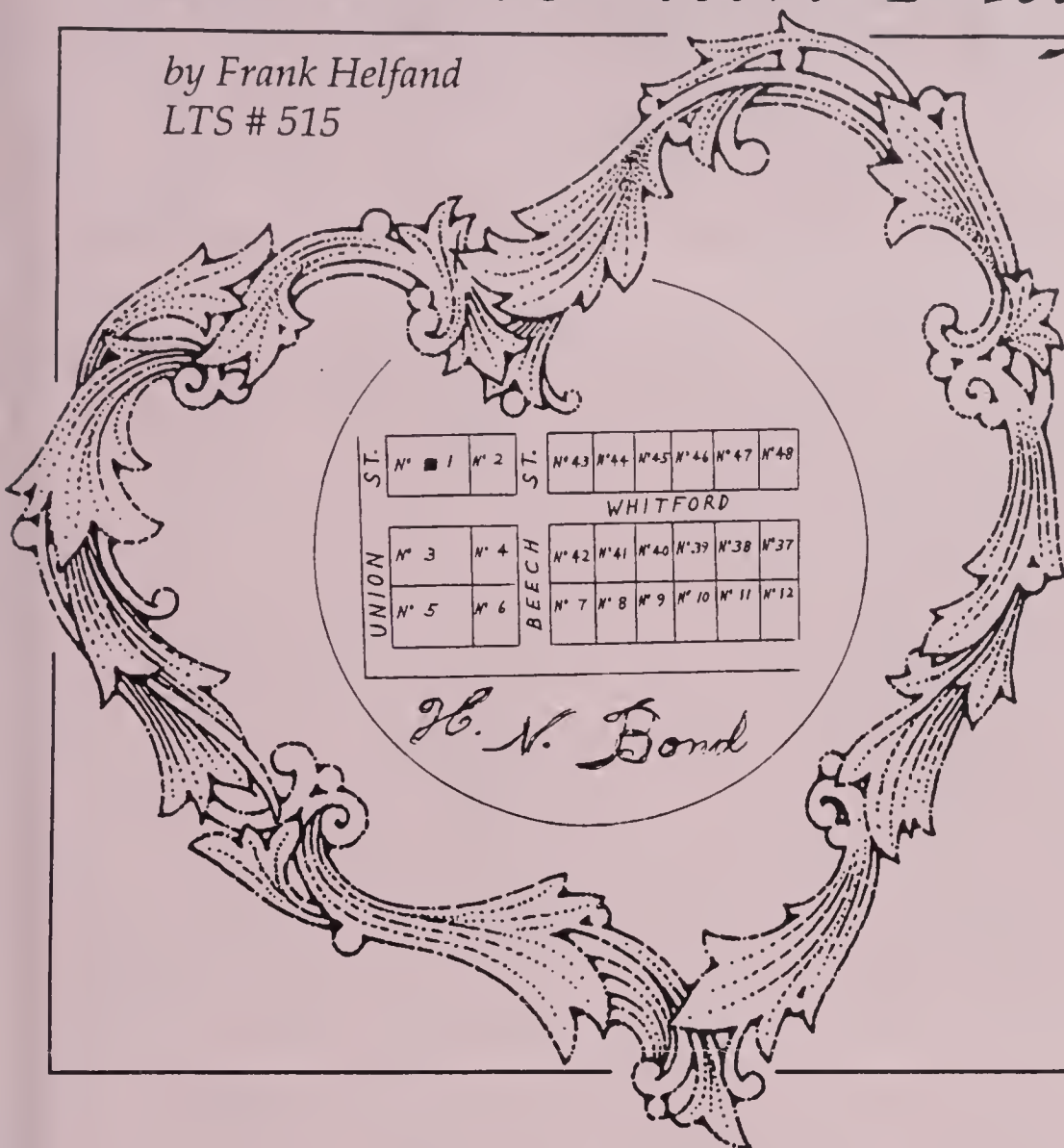
Basons Celebrate 65 years

Autence and Baxter Bason will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary March 3. This year they will celebrate at home, unlike 1990 when they marked their 60th anniversary in San Diego at the Early Spring Convention of the American Numismatic Association. On March 4 they will also celebrate Baxter's 88th birthday.



A Victorian Map Love Token

by Frank Helfand
LTS # 515



I am not sure if H. N. Bond of England was forgetful or not, but if he looked into his pocket and took out his map love token, he could have easily found his way. It seems his (or perhaps, her) neighborhood was inscribed with draftsman like precision on an early period Victorian penny.

Perhaps he worked or lived at number one Union Street because of the darkened square. Perhaps his "love" resided there, who knows? But speculation is fun.

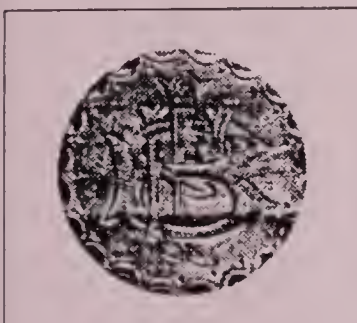
The inscribed lines on the token are extremely thin and difficult to read because of the toning on the copper. Clearly, a great deal of work went into engraving this coin, and one can only wonder as to its' history.

P.S. Thanks to Muddy Karpt for her help with drawing the illustration.

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canvases on which to engrave tokens of affection. Of course, the Seated Liberty design dominated U.S. Silver coinage from 1836-91, making it the most likely candidate for the engravers.



The dime in particular was a popular denomination. Its diameter was large enough to contain initials, messages and

scenes, yet its face value was within the reach of many lovers wanting to exchange tokens.

While some love tokens may have been carried in the pockets of their owners, many were mounted on bracelets, or with the remains of a soldered pin. Others may have been used as watch fobs, and thus attached to a chain that was attached to a pocket watch.



The Dennis Vorley Collection

(Part 1)

Love token collectors may have seen recent references to the auction of the Dennis Vorley collection in England. When his expertise came to my attention, I wrote Mr. Vorley inquiring about the Pierrepont essays on love tokens referred to by Mr. Lloyd L. Entenmann in his book *Love Tokens as Engraved Coins*.

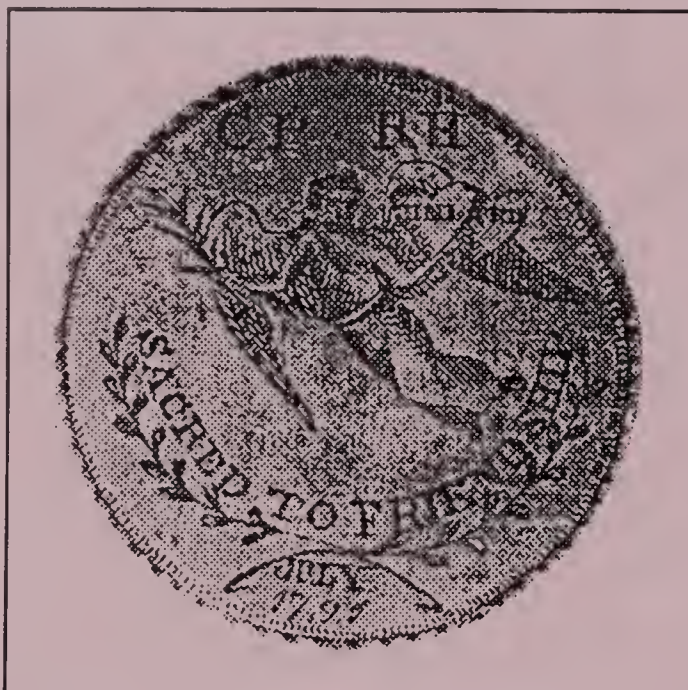
Much to my delight, Mr. Vorley responded by sending not one, but three essays on English love tokens. In addition, there was an added surprise. I learned that his love token collection assembled over the last sixty years was to be auctioned by Bonhams of London. My timing was great - three exciting essays to further my education, and an upcoming auction. Quite frankly, I must admit that I had some sleepless nights and excited days waiting for the arrival of the Vorley Collection catalog. On December 5, 1994, I was not disappointed. The beautiful love token you see illustrated here graced the front cover. I have included a summary of the catalog introduction, which I hope you find it as informative as I did.

The Dennis Vorley Collection

"This collection of Love Tokens and Engraved Coins, formed over a span of sixty years, is perhaps the largest ever offered for sale. It is not only numerically strong but it abounds in variety.

Almost any article can be made to serve as a token of affection but coins, altered in shape or re-engraved, form an interesting branch. In addition to their main theme coins can also be used to record births, marriages and deaths, and when engraved with pretty rural scenes they conjure up pictures of a simple domestic life that existed over two hundred years ago.

Some coins bear exquisite engraving clearly done professionally, but oth-



ers in their simplicity, are obviously from the humbler classes and are "home made". Engraved ships of the period usually denote the long separation caused by the loved ones' departures from homeshores, for naval service overseas. In some cases coins were cut in half, one piece retained by the giver, the other carried by the husband or sweetheart, to be matched up later. Coins bent in two or three directions or with the edge hammered and raised, were so treated to avoid their being spent while carried in the pocket. In this connection one thinks of Spakespeare's references to a "bender", or to the more familiar ditty of "the crooked sixpence".

However, it has to be the charm of the engraved pieces that is so captivating to us today. The majority of the "parent" coins were the copper pennies and halfpennies from the reigns of George II and III, and the copper, already smoothed down to take the engraving, develops with handling, a tone and patination of its own. As tokens of affection, they were made to be held in the hand. Today they are still a delight to hold in the hand.

The coins offered in the present cata-

logue were purchased from many and varied sources. No detailed records were kept and they are now sold without any previous pedigree tickets. For future generations the provenance "The Vorley Collection" will suffice. The only recent publication on such coins has been "Love Tokens as Engraved Coins", by Lloyd L. Entenmann (Audubon, N.J., U.S.A., 1991), and quite a number of the Vorley pieces feature in this book. Some of the coins in the sale may well be from the 322 coin collection formed by Mrs. Ella Pierrepont Barnard (British Numismatic Journal, vol. XIV, 1918, pp. 151-198, 3 plates). Others might even be from the ill-fated collection of 307 coins in the Hull Museum (Transactions of the Yorkshire Numismatic Society, vol. II, Part IV, 1922, pp. 109-129, 8 plates). The Museum was bombed during the War and the collection scattered no one knows where."







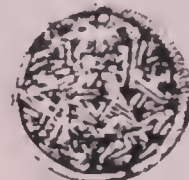









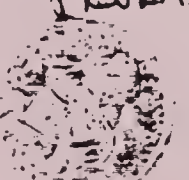





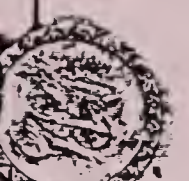


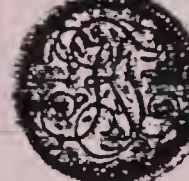
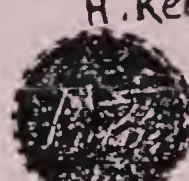



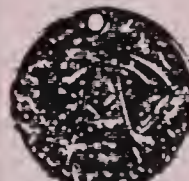


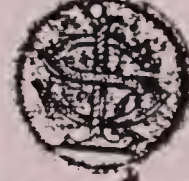
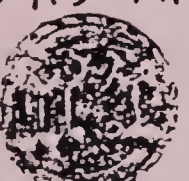


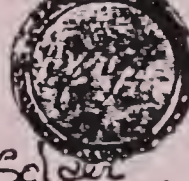
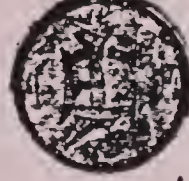
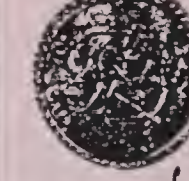
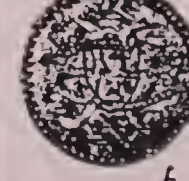
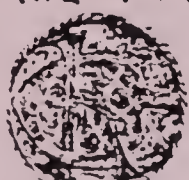


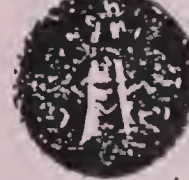
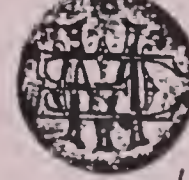


In preparing the present catalogue, reference has been made to all these publications. In truth, my own best love token is tied to English origin that is engraved on a Spanish 8 Reales. One side has an English ship flying a flag of the motherland, a man and a woman facing each other. The edge inscription is hearts and arrows and reads "When this you see remember mee". It is a great piece.

A follow-up article will appear in the April issue of the Love Letter - stay tuned.

Part II will include photographs of his coins, the descriptions and of course some personal opinions.

by Robert Webster #453

Love Tokens Available

H-68 GWE  1869 \$10.	H-76 KSL  DIME \$10.	J-22 NF  1888 \$9.	J-26 WR  Bracelet clasp man \$9.	J-28 NB  1893 \$9.	J-30 HBL  1884 \$10.	J-32 ACH  1885 \$10.
J-35 BFS  1883 \$10.	J-36 CWY  1885 \$10.	J-38 AAC  1853 \$10.	J-39 BAW  1886 \$10.	J-40 KAD  1875 \$10.	J-41 RMN  10¢ Canada \$10.	J-44 HAT  10¢ Canada \$10.
J-45 CTH  1883 \$10.	J-46 FN  1883 \$10.	J-50 OBVCFS 1 REV EMS  DIME \$12.	J-51 JJW  1875 \$12.	J-52 GRM  1887 \$12.	J-53 MHM  1882 \$12.	← Left over from Dec New LE 3
J101 EC  Canada \$9.	J102 LM  Pin Pence Canada \$9.	J103 WA  Pin Pence ENG \$9.	J104 BMA  183 SIX PENCE \$9.	J-105 DEW  1887 SIX PENCE \$9.	J-106 XL  Ger. \$9.	J-107 H. Kelle  1883 \$9.
J108 M  1887 \$9.	J-109 M  1861 \$9.	J-110 AE  1853→ \$9.	J-111 AD  1838 \$9.	J-112 HA Flowers  Greece \$9.	J-113 EY  1890 \$9.	J-114 LS  1875 \$9.
J-115 MF  1889 \$9.	J-116 PC  1876 \$9.	J-117 MB  1887 \$9.	J-118 CK  Sol SIX 1853→ \$9.	J-119 JE  DIME \$9.	J-120 FT  1886 \$9.	J-121 AOB  1875 \$9.
J-122 KG  1888 \$9.	J-123 AOD  1884 \$9.	J-124 DIR  1877 \$9.	J-125 AA  1886 \$9.	J-126 WME  1875 \$9.	J-127 BCF  DIME \$9.	J-128 BCE  1885 \$9.

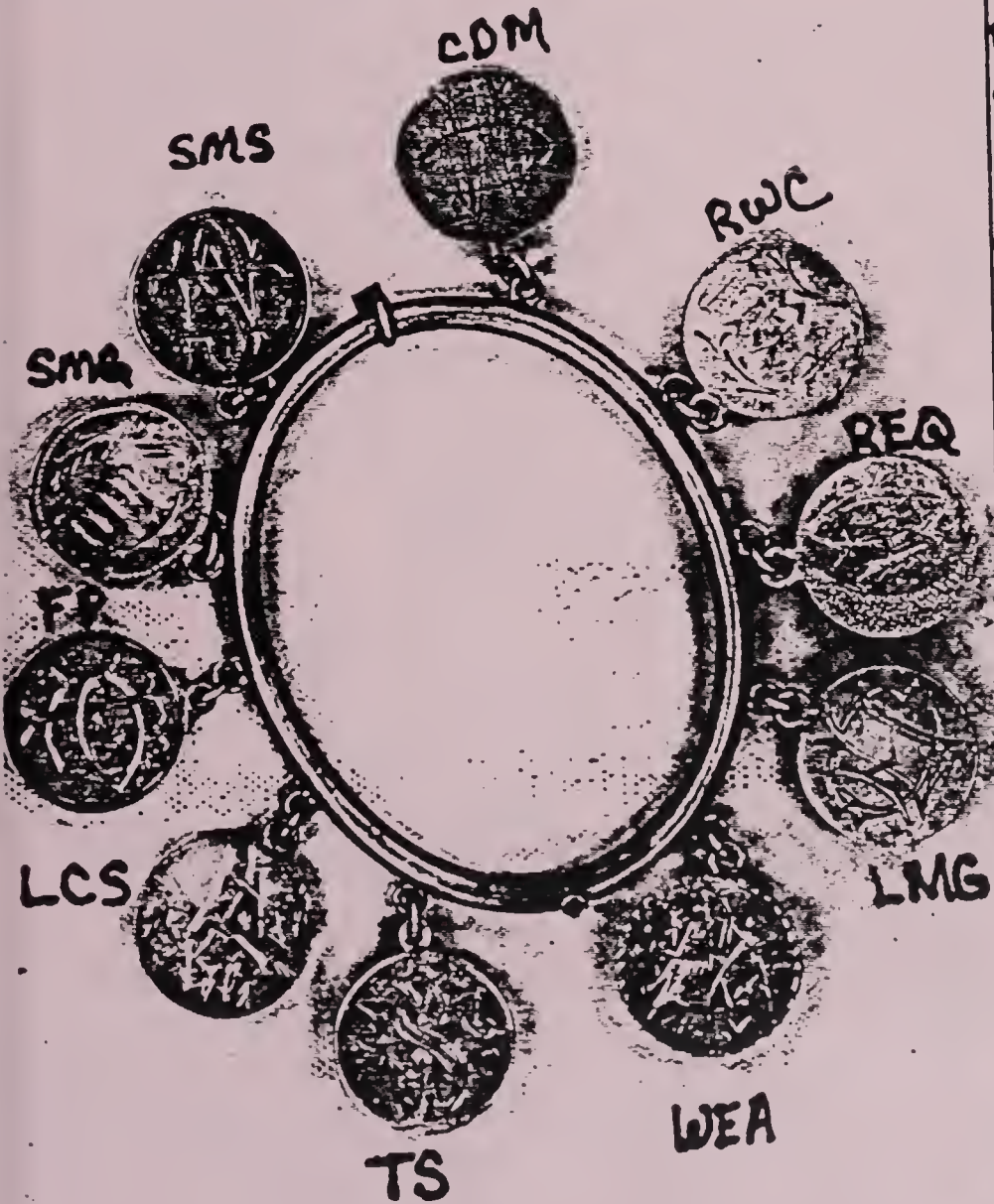
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J-136 JWY  1875 \$9.	J-137 CE  DIME \$9.	J-138 HLM  DIME \$9.	J-139 Y  Canada \$9	J-140 GWT  1860 \$9	J-141 MLF  1887 \$9	J-142 EG  1889 \$9.
J-143 JKB  1886 \$9	J-144 PHJ  1857 \$9	J-145 FF  1876 \$9	J-146 TKW  1875 \$9.	J-147 1884  Canada \$8	J-148 GAT  1882 \$8.	J-149 AD  Canada \$8.
J-150 FRT  1857 \$8.	J-151 HC  DIME \$8.	J-152 NB  BLANK DIME \$8.	J-153 EC  1856 \$8.	J-154 SAW  DIME \$8.	J-155 CH  DIME \$8.	J-156 F  1889 \$8.
J-157 MKA  1856 \$8.	J-158 T  1889 \$8.	J-159 MCM  DIME \$8.	J-160 LDO  DIME \$8	J-161 AAT  1871 \$8.	J-162 GJK  1883 \$8.	J-163 DM  1854 \$7.
J-164 RSL  1882 \$7.	J-165 ALAND  \$7.	C-1 RJD  SHIELD 5¢ \$7.	C-2 JR  1877 \$7.	C-3 Percy May 18 1901  65 3P \$8.	C-4 CHERRY 1918 THUMBS UP  65 3P \$7.	C-5 DANK  DIME \$8.
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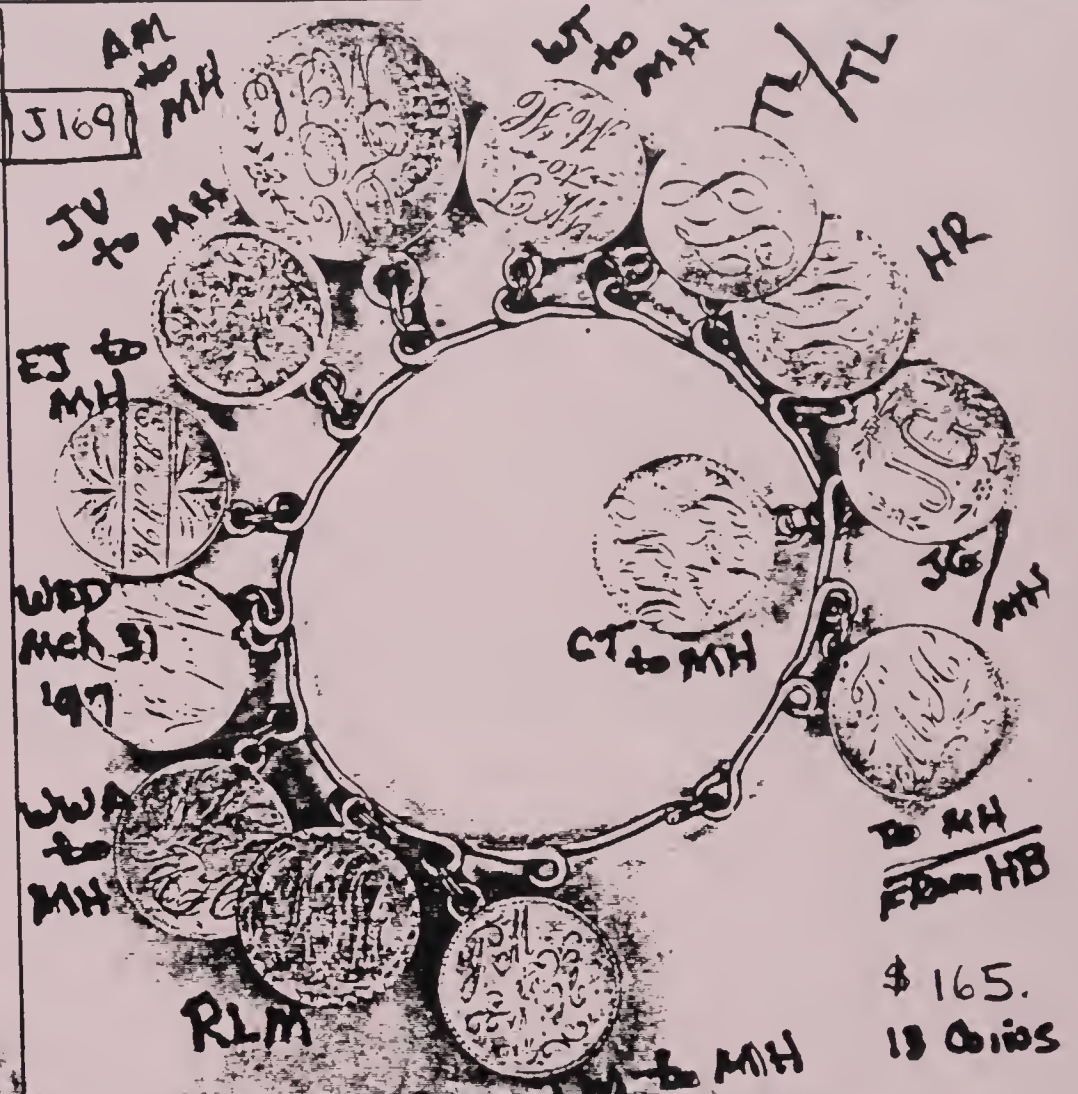
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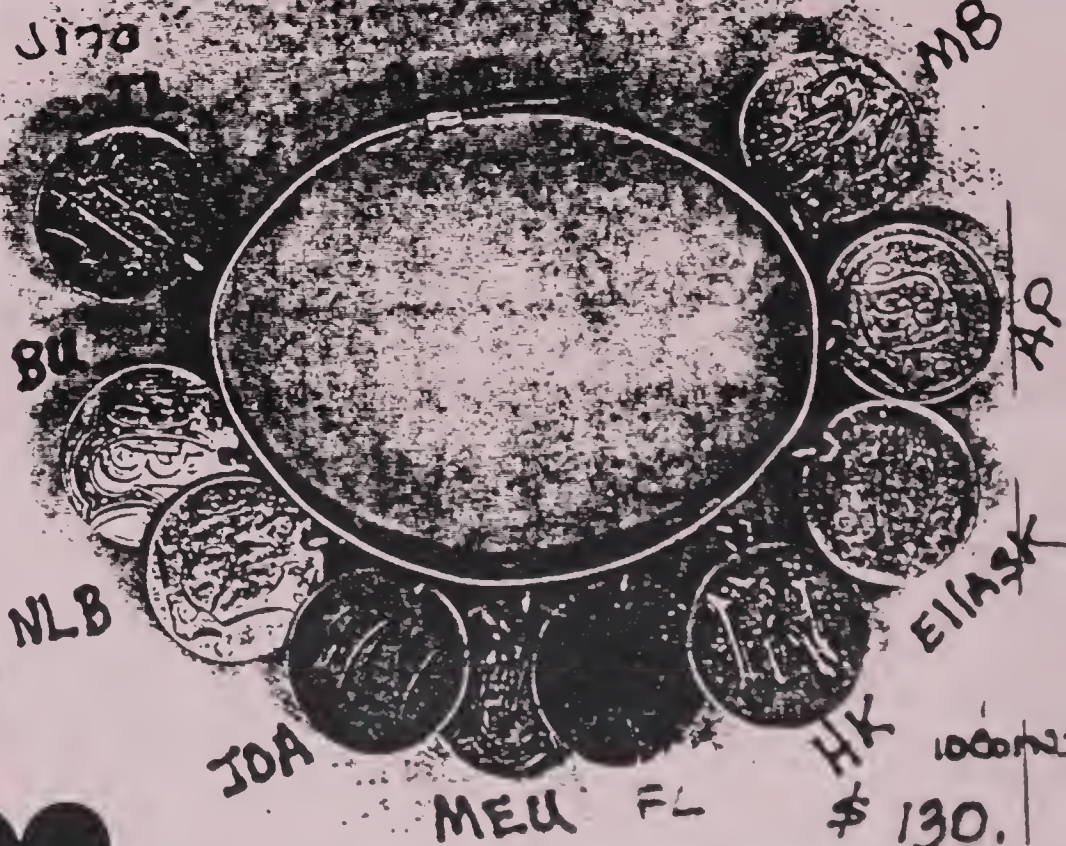


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10 COINS



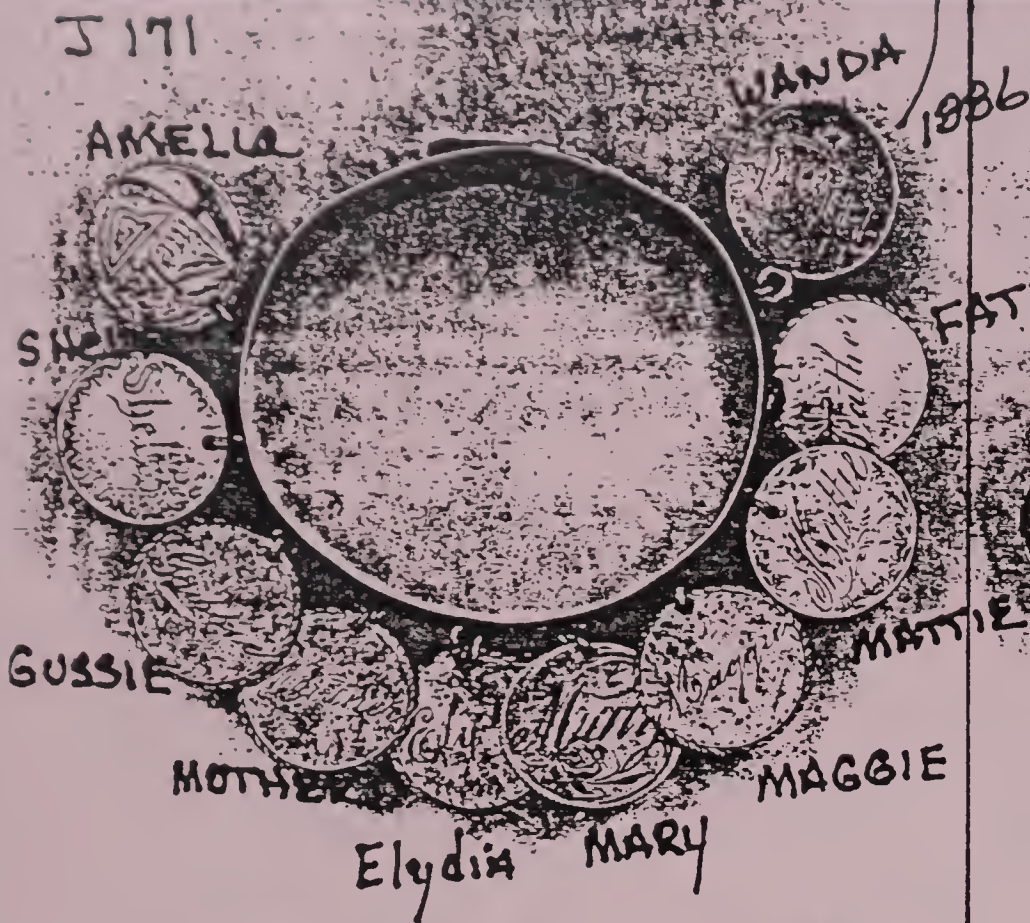
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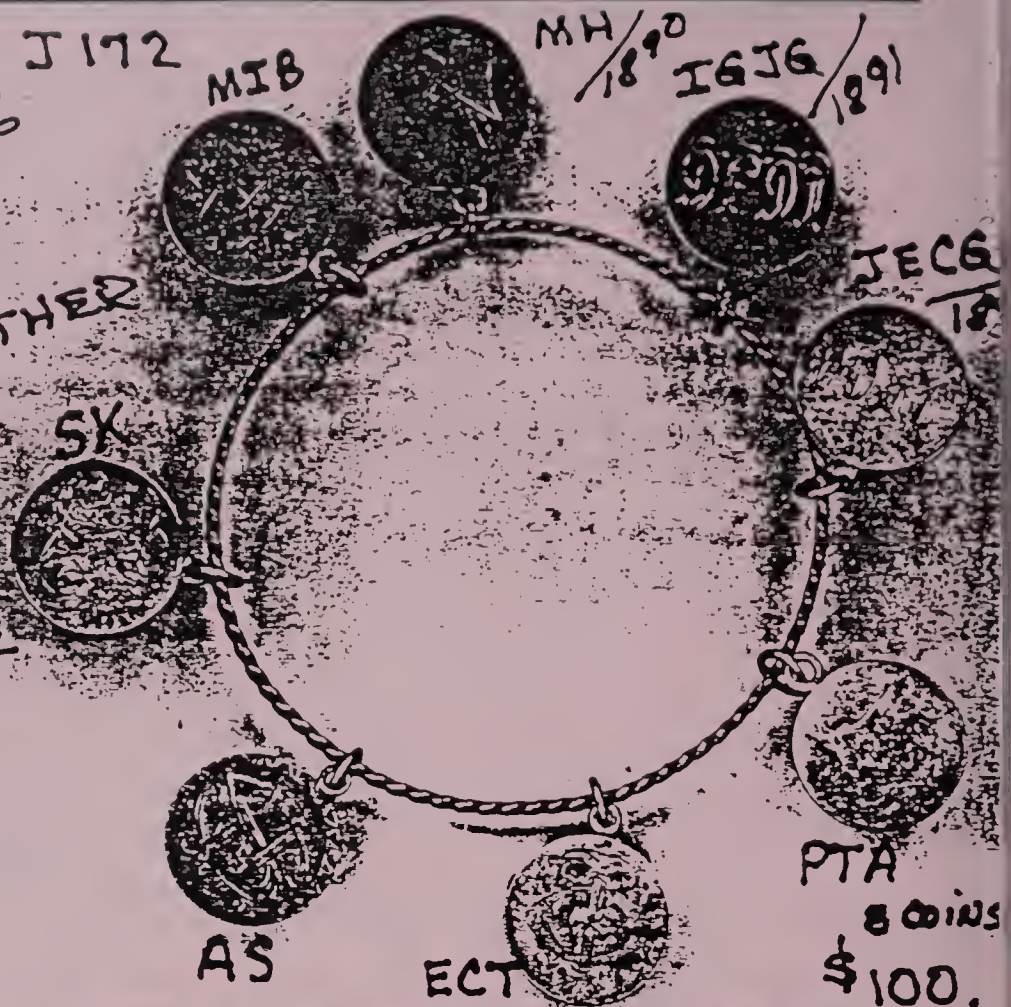
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10 coins \$ 140.

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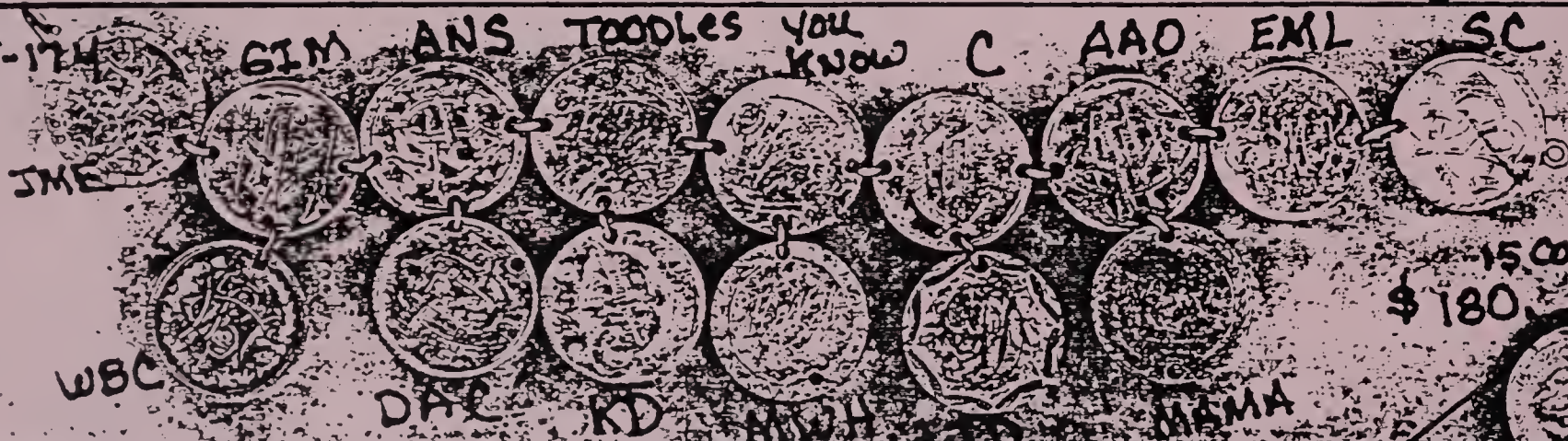
8 coins \$ 100.

J 173



8 coins \$ 100.

J-174



15 coins \$ 180.

J-175



16 coins \$ 200.



Ordering Love Tokens

Please send all requests to Sid Gale, P.O. Box 970,
Mandeville, LA 70470.

Or telephone: 504-626-3867

In remitting,

please do not forget to include the postage as follows:
Orders up to \$50.00 add \$1.50; up to \$100.00, add \$2.75;
up to \$150.00, add \$3.50; up to \$200.00, add \$4.50;
up to \$300.00, add \$5.00; up to \$400.00, add \$7.00;
over \$400.00, add \$8.75.



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Part 2

While not being exposed to English Love Tokens which I mentioned in Part I, I realized the importance of Mr. Vorley's 60 year collection. He had been collecting three years before I was born. Can you imagine his knowledge as well as the coins that have passed through his hands over the years? Awesome.

Our Love Token Society has four English members, Mr. Dennis Vorley and Philip Meldrum, Paul Harthoon and Bob Forrest. Without a doubt they are all astute and I knew a bidding war would occur on a number of lots and rightfully so. Beautiful Love Tokens such as Mr. Vorley's would not leave England without a major struggle!

English Love Tokens are extremely colorful and tell the many stories with engraved phrases, full names and lovely scenes. To me, the half-pennies with names of the lovers that have hearts with arrows and pierced to be worn by the English woman have to be the ultimate if a love token is that; A LOVE TOKEN!

"The Vorley Collection" contained many true love tokens as mentioned in the last paragraph. Thanks to Mr. Vorley, my collection has a Charles II 1662 Crown engraved. Many other English coins with engraved dates from 1733 to 1795 also came from him.

I would have certainly enjoyed attending this fabulous auction. It had to have been an exciting "edge of the seat" type of atmosphere. Besides, you can get carried away and bid as necessary on the lots you feel are a must. Its difficult, but important to have a game plan unless your funds are unlimited.

Mr. Vorley's collection was too remarkable in all facets, so devising a

successful game plan was not successful for me at all. Much credit must be given to Bonham's for the way they categorized and successfully grouped the lots to bring the highest prices and protect Mr. Vorley's fine collection.

Perhaps one of our English friends who attended the auction will describe the action and electricity that occurred in a future issue of The Love Letter.

I will describe to you the lots which I feel will be of overall interest to our members.

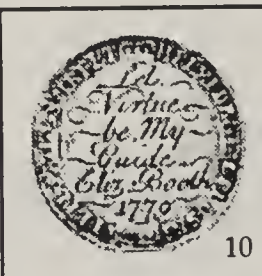
The first 24 lots contained Lot 2 a Charles II crown with leap year birthday. Lot 5, a William III crown with two hearts and verse, "The gift is small, but love is all". Lot 10 is a shilling and engraved, "Let virtue be my guide", Eliz Booth 1779. Lot 14, French Nativity Scene described as well worked by the catalogues.

Lots 25 - 131 are listed in alphabetical order by subject. Lot 26, Birds and Animals, contained Love birds, Cupid and Bee Hive and Bees which I thought were outstanding.

On Lots 33 - 37A, the engraved coins related to crime. Interesting inscriptions were "once these two hearts in love were joined, now one is free the other confined". Another, "My Dad"



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LOVE TOKENS - - ARE THEY RECYCLABLE?

by Lloyd L. Entenmann, NLG

Our present modern day society has become extremely conscious of protecting our health and sanitary needs. In the process we are literally burying ourselves in our own trash and garbage. Consequently, we are constantly finding ways to reuse what we normally discard to disposal dumps. We now save newspapers, aluminum, tin, glass, plastics, and other materials as we have found ways to use them over again. This conserves our forests, metals, and many other resources.

What about love tokens? They are made from a metal coin taken out of circulation, generally smoothed on one side and engraved with something that expressed a love or affection between the giver and receiver. What happens to that coin when that relationship ceases to exist? It may be tossed into the trash and wind up in a disposal dump, and thus lost forever, or it may be sold as bullion or for resale to collectors. In either case, that love token is being recycled. As bullion, it is sold to a smelter, and thus reused in another form. Being sold to collectors it may retain its identity as a love token to be owned as an item of history or it may be used in place of having a new love token made for a new relationship. Both of these situations are practiced by the love token collector.

The love token collector who adds these tokens to his or her collection is retaining them as representing their original purpose. They are still in use and not being disposed of. One of the first objectives of a new collector, especially in the United States, is to find his or her name or initials, rather than having a new token made. This is a true case of recycling - - reusing an existing token as it exists.

Love tokens that are engraved with something other than names or initials are most likely to be held by collectors as representatives of its original purpose, thus still retaining its original purpose and not being disposed of.

From this review, it is clear that love tokens are recyclable, either being reused in place of new ones or being smelted into another form for further use.

? New Feature

Starting in the May/June LTS, we will begin a new question and answer section. Please send your questions about Love Tokens you would like answered to the Editor and one of the LTS Officers will do their best to answer them.

A
Tip of the
Token
to
Al Skornick
#859
for this
suggestion!!



Post 1909 Love Tokens

The tokens of World War I and World War II

The typical love tokens made in the United States from the early 1800's through the last century and up to 1909 were of a style which can be described as "traditional". The methods varied and so did the themes, but the general style was easily recognized as a product of the 19th century or early 20th century. As the coin engraving business dropped to almost nil after 1909 - - supposedly due to an anti-defacing law from the Treasury, love token making on U.S. coins declined. Only a very small percentage of all U.S. love tokens are on coins later than 1909.

A number of love tokens - - especially bracelets, are found with foreign coins dated from 1915-1918. Coins of France are often seen crudely stippled or scratched with initials, names, and often dates. The styles seen rarely approach the style of the earlier coins. They were mainly made by soldiers and sailors off duty with access to various tools such as awls, punches, and lathe bits. The WWI pieces also are noted on silver coins from Italy, Germany, Ottoman Empire, and other European countries.

After a hiatus of 25 years, WWII

servicemen began to also make love tokens - - again usually bracelets - - from coins of the countries they recently visited - - Australia, Great Britain, India, and various European nations. The styles tend to be block letters, or script, plain designs, no edge ornamentation, and the messages are often just names, initials, dates, and in many cases military unit name and number such as "USS Alabama" or "231448231" or "U.S.A.O.F." or other designations.

Though not as fancy or expensive as 19th century counterparts, these WWI

Financial Statement

General Funds	
Balance January 31, 1995	\$7,783.74
Receipts	
Dues	10.00
Interest (Bank Account)	31.02
New Members	70.00
Donations	28.00
Total Receipts	139.02
Subtotal	\$7,922.76
Expenses	
Check #166	
Ultra Graphics (LTS Stationary)	94.34
Check #135 Jim Rigg	
Graphic Art	75.00
Check #168 Kinko's Duplication LTS #157	87.66
Check #170 US Postmaster - stamps	96.00
Check #171 CNA (membership)	30.00
Check #172 U.S. Post Office	13.78
Total Expenses	396.78
Balance March 31, 1995	\$7,525.98

Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association
 1 year certificate of deposit \$ 421.24

Membership Report

Membership - January 31, 1995	259
New Members	9
Resigned	1
Membership as of March 31, 1995	267

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From Your Vice President . . .

We have two pages of love tokens available for sale. Many are returns. If you have spare love tokens to sell - please send them in.

All coins listed are U.S. dimes unless otherwise stated. I use the guidance provided in Lloyd's book (page 125) when deciphering initials. When Initials are of different heights, I assume the tallest one is the last name and the shortest one is the first name. Some of the intertwined pieces are very difficult figure out. If you are looking for specific letters and there is a token on the list with the same letters but in a different sequence, give me a call. I will be happy to tell you if the lettering is close enough to work. In some cases you can read them more than one way.

Several collectors when buying tokens in the last sale mentioned that they were looking for certain letters, etc. They are listed below. If you have any of the "wanted" pieces and you are willing to trade or sell them - please look up their address in the membership directory and contact them. If you are searching for something - let me know and I will submit a consolidated list for the next Love Letter.

MEMBER	WANTED
Marilyn A. Wilson	MAW, SDW, J, K, P, S, L
Alvin Skornick	HMS
Sid Gale	Arlene, Wendee, Sid or Sidney, Gale
Ben Johnson	MH, CJ, EJ, FJ, IJ, MJ, SJ, Sara
Raymond Bunt	KAD
Ron G. Rowswell	Any Canadian love token

One last note: I make handcrafted jewelry. I work with brass, copper and silver. If you have a love token or love token jewelry that requires repair, give me a call or write. If it is within my capability I will be happy to repair it.

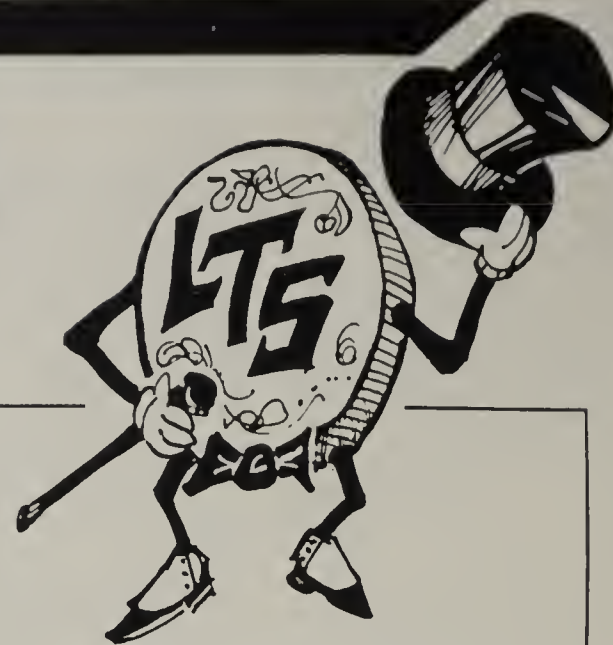
Sid Gale
LTS Vice President

Post 1909 Love Tokens - - -

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and WWII love tokens are equally interesting and in some cases can be traced to persons still living. A nice collection would be of such items which come from various service branches - - both U.S. and other national services. A few Canadian and British love token bracelets have been seen. One cannot presume that a bracelet of coins from let us say New Guinea was made by a U.S. servicemen, since most of these items show up in U.S. collections - - probably relatives of those who made or received them. Happy hunting.

Sol Taylor
LTS #402



Tip of the Token

To all members that have contributed material to be published in the Love Letter. Thanks to many active members, the editor is pleased to announce that there is a small backlog of articles. What a wonderful position to be in!!

If you do not see your submission in this issue, please keep looking - they will be used as space permits in future issues.

Please keep them coming, there are many great stories to tell.

Thanks for all your help.

Bob Newhouse

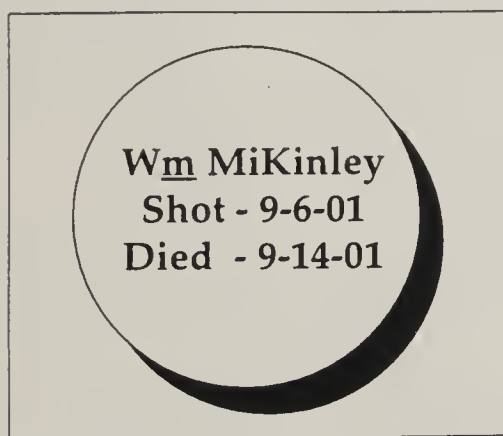
Love Tokens For Sale

1. 1867 Liberty seated half (G-VG). Engraved on skirt "Nov. 21". On a partially planed reverse is engraved in script "Ella J. Earls". \$20.
2. Seated Liberty quarter with full original clasp on rev. VF. Engraved on obv. "Tam" (possibly "Tom") on a fancy scroll with toothed rim design. Nice exhibit piece. \$20.
3. World War II bracelet made of 7 silver Australian coins. Middle piece is a 1943 shilling stippled on rev. "2317 Lots/Richard Jill/Bordner". 4 six pence pieces with playing card designs: spade, 2 diamonds and a club. The two 3d coins each has a heart. Complete with silver 3 place clasp. overall XF/AU. \$45. Nice for exhibit.

Sol Taylor, 13515 Magnolia Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

A Presidential Love Token?

While going through a coin dealer's stock of love tokens my eye spotted a beat-up liberty nickel of 1901. Turning it over, it was polished down and engraved in a professional hand with:



MiKinley was born in 1843 in Niles, Ohio and was our 25th President. There was a reception at the Pan American Exposition on September 6th in Buffalo, New York and he attended it. Leon Czolgosy, an anarchist, stepped out in the crowd and shot the President. He survived eight days and then succumbed to his wounds.

He was brought back to Canton, Ohio to be buried. As the funeral train passed, people put coins on the tracks to flatten them out and had them engraved into love tokens.

F. Helfand
LTS #515



The Dennis Vorley Collection - Part II continued from page 1



pipe and a cat. Others have a shepherd with sheep and a lady at a spinning wheel with love birds. Lot 42 had a lady about to throw the dog and a stool. I've never seen American love tokens like these. Lots 46 - 47 were Flowers and Florals which had names, initials and even hearts. Lot 46 sold for \$125 and included 18 coins.

Hearts and Arrows comprised Lots 52 - 58. Anyone who was fortunate to secure one of these lots had to be extremely pleased, I secured Lot 57 which had 31 coins.

Beautiful "In Memory Memento's", Lots 71 - 76, numbered 36 coins. Illustrations for Lot 72 show engraved coins at their very best. One in memory of a daughter and one for a very sincere special friend. Others include a cherub by an urn with an engraved phrase, "In grief of heart, we drop the tear, the happy hour will come". The final has an angle on a column with a legend around and in a coffin with the Eliz Heber Family 1786.

Lot 78 was mottos on 14 half-pennies, mostly with hearts and included popular sayings as in "Forget Me Not", "Sweet Is Thy Love" and "My Love Is True To You". Lots 70 - 88 were names and places engraved on an incredible 338 coins. A group of Victorian silver Threepence numbered 190 coins with mostly girls names. Politics, Religion, Portraits and "Pricked Lettering", along with Royalty, dominated Lots 90 - 103.

The Rural Scenes, Lots 104 - 107, were superb. Lot 104 is a beautiful farm scene. Especially nice is the Rural Scene, Lot 105, by a house.



Mr. Vorley, token collector extraordinaire, located no less than 58 engraved coins relating to Naval ships and Sailors farewell. Lot 109 has a girl by an anchor, dated 1797, along with a sailing ship in the distance on a half crown; great, great token! A French crown has engraved the

ship, "Courageux", which is a 32 frigate captured by Admiral Markham's squadron in 1799 and still in use by 1803. Engraved tokens with this historical background are seldom or never available in a collector's lifetime!

From Lots 120 to the finish, was a group of three slavery tokens, one elongated half-penny with a fanciful native figure. A "Sun and Majesty" group, Lot 124, had four lovely engraved coins, one of which had two men facing each other, both with long hair and, inscribed, Ship Mates 1787.

It has been quite some time since I've become so excited about a love token auction. I received more engraved scenic coins from Mr. Vorley's collection than I would find in the rest of my lifetime!

In summary, "The Vorley Collection" contained about 3,000 engraved coins that varied in all subject matter, much beauty and, to my knowledge, the finest collection ever to be auctioned. English gold engraved love tokens must be highly prized and hidden away, as none appeared.

We probably number 300 love token collectors today and I wonder how many of us knew of the sale of Mr. Vorley's fine collection. I can assure you the bidding would have been far more intense had we all been informed.

For me to fault Bonham's style of cataloging and auctioning would be difficult. My only regret is that a photograph of Mr. Vorley did not appear for posterity. While I haven't had the privilege to meet this fine gentleman, I would have enjoyed knowing known more about this superb collector of sixty years.

In closing, "The Vorley Auction Catalog" leaves no doubt that the Vorley Name will more than suffice for research and pedigrees for his monumental love token collection.

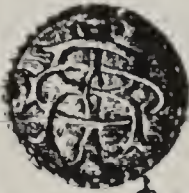





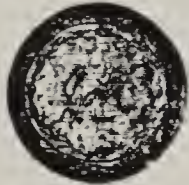



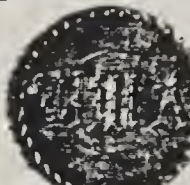
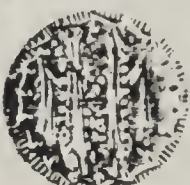
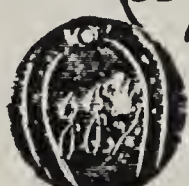








Bob Wester
LTS# 453

Part III - Prices Realized of Illustrated Tokens from Vorley Collection along with other highlights.

Love Tokens Available

G-1 Pin 	Rachel D Dearmond	G-2 GHB  1883 \$7.	G-3 BTD  1876 \$7.	G-4 MMM  1890 \$7.	G-5 EUP  1854 \$7.	G-6 MMU  1882 \$7.
HALF \$	\$25.-	G-7 CPH  1903 \$7.	G-8 ML  18? \$7.	G-9 WGT  1853 \$8.	G-10 ADY  1872 \$7.	G-11 FD  1875 \$8.
G-12 SW  1857 \$7.	G-13 RC  1875 \$8.	G-14 G  1875 \$8.	G-15 WC  1853 \$8.	G-16 JK  1871 \$8.	G-17 FJF  1877 \$7.	G-18 LC  1887 \$7.
G-19 HBH/AF  ? \$8.	G-20 WR  1853 \$7.	J-1 EAB  1878 \$9.	J-2 EDF  1902 \$9.	J-3 DR  1890 \$9.	J-4 GCS  1891 \$9.	J-5 MT  1884 \$9.
J-6 MMFC  1883	J-7 JWy  1875 \$9.	J-8 MLF  1887 \$9.	J-9 JKB 1888  1886 \$9.	J-10 FF  1876 \$9.	J-11 TWK  1875 \$9.	J-12 GAT  1882 \$9.
J-13 FRT  1857 \$8.	J-14 NB  BANK REV \$8.	J-15 EC  1856 \$8.	J-16 F  1884 \$8.	J-17 F  1889 \$8.	J-18 MCM  DIME \$8.	J-19 JD  DIME \$8.
J-20 AAT  1871 \$8.	J-21 GJK  1883 \$8.	J-22 RSL  1882 \$7.	J-23 ALAND  DIME \$7.	J-24 BEC  1885 \$9.	J-25 WME  1875 \$9.	J-26 AA  1886 \$9.

Love Tokens Available

J-27 DRI  1877 \$9.	J-28 AOD  1884 \$9.	J-29 OAB  1875 \$9.	J-30 FT  1886 \$9.	J-31 BM  1887 \$9.	J-32 LPC  1876 \$9	J-33 MF  1889 \$9.
J-34 AE  1853 \$9.	J-35 DA  1838	J-36 EY  1890 \$9.	J-37 TK  GERMANY \$9.	J-38 DEW  1881 6 Pence \$9.	J-39 BMA  1838 6 Pence \$9.	J-40 MMH  1882 \$12.
J-41 GRM  1887 \$12.	J-42 (JSW)  1875 \$12	J-43 CFS/ENG  Dime \$12.	J-44 TTH  1883 \$18.	J-45 WBA  1886 \$10.	J-46 AAC  1853 \$10.	J-47 CWY  1885 \$10.
J-48 NB  1893 \$9.	J-49 BES  1883 \$10.	J-50 HBL  1884 \$10.	J-51 ACH  1885 \$10.			
THE FOLLOWING BRACELETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. Please Refer TO THE LAST LOVE LETTER for pictures.						
J-166	- Seven coins	\$100.00				
J-167	14 COINS	\$190.00				
J-168	10 coins	\$150.00				
J-170	10 COINS	\$130.00				
J-172	8 COINS	\$100.00				
J-175	16 COINS	\$200.00				



Ordering Love Tokens

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Or telephone: 504-626-3867

In remitting,

please do not forget to include the postage as follows:
Orders up to \$50.00 add \$1.50; up to \$100.00, add \$2.75;
up to \$150.00, add \$3.50; up to \$200.00, add \$4.50;
up to \$300.00, add \$5.00; up to \$400.00, add \$7.00;
over \$400.00, add \$8.75.



Love Letter

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Dr. Robert C. Newhouse
3200 Ella Lane
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Spring Is Here!!



Love Letter



No. 159

Love Token Society Newsletter

May/June 1995

*On the other side of the coin,
the love token is now collectible!!*

by Carolyn Hopkin - reprinted from Times Staff Writer

Most brides know the tradition well: "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue."

Less known is the last part of the rhyme: "and a lucky sixpence for your shoe."

The sixpence, a coin introduced in England in 1551, has long been considered good luck - and good love. Since the 1600's, people have engraved the coins with initials, names or messages, transforming the simple sixpence into a "love token" to be carried by a loved one.

Today, love tokens have become collectibles.

George Simms of New Port Richey became interested in the tokens as a spin-off of coin collecting, which he has done since childhood.

In his token collection, Simms has a bracelet made up of Australian florins and sixpences. The engraving reads, "To My Dear Gladys New Guinea 1944 from Herman." Simms said he could imagine how this soldier painstakingly made the bracelet for his loved one. Years later, it ended up in a coin store in Hudson where he found it.

Love tokens came into their own in the United States during the Civil War, when soldiers would pen initials of their loved ones on a coin with a nail or sharp knife.

Many tokens are made of sixpences, but coins from the United States and other countries also have been used. The sixpence hasn't been minted since 1980, which is making the sixpence tokens rarer and more valuable.

The long tradition of a sixpence for the bride is believed to ensure wealth and good fortune for the couple. In some families a sixpence is handed down to the bride for many generations.

A few months ago, Simms made a fortunate find at a flea market. It was a coin engraved with the letters MFS - his wife's initials.



George Simms, who has collected coins since childhood, shows jewelry made with love tokens.



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Financial Statement

General Funds

Balance March 31, 1995 \$7,525.98

Receipts

Dues	60.00
Interest (Bank Account)	32.89
New Members	10.00

Total Receipts 102.89

Subtotal \$7,728.87

Expenses

Check #169 Robert Newhouse (postage)	6.90
Check #173 Kinko's Duplication LTS #158	87.66
Check #174 Jim Rigg	
Graphic Art LTS #158	75.00
Check #175 U.S. Post Office	
Postage LTS #158	128.00

Total Expenses 297.56

Balance May 31, 1995 \$7,431.31

Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association

1 year certificate of deposit \$ 421.24

Membership Report

Membership - March 31, 1995	267
New Members	1
Reinstated	1

Membership as of May 31, 1995 269

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TOKEN TALK

This column is hopefully the beginning of what can be an on-going communication feature among LTS members. The concept is basically two fold: (1) members submit questions regarding love tokens they would like to have answered by members and (2) members respond with answers within the next two months printed in the next newsletter.

Let's give it a try:

Al Skornick, a fairly new member, has the following questions:

1) How can you tell which letter comes 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on a love token? Any Clues?

2) At a recent coin show I bought a Schilling (Queen Victoria on front, a cut out crest and 1887 date on back). It had been enameled in various colors. Is this a form of Love token?

Go for it! Any answers for Al? Any questions of your own? Put the pen to the paper and contribute to this column.



Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Love Token Society:

The installation of our new museum sign was complete on February second. We are delighted with the results. The lighted coins and shadow-lighted letters are especially spectacular after dark. We have heard favorable comments from many local people.

I have enclosed a photograph of Ken Hallenbeck presenting Bob Leuver a check from the Lewis M. Reagan Foundation at the completion of the installation process. I have included a photocopy of the design which will be used on the commemorative plaque, acknowledging all of the contributors.

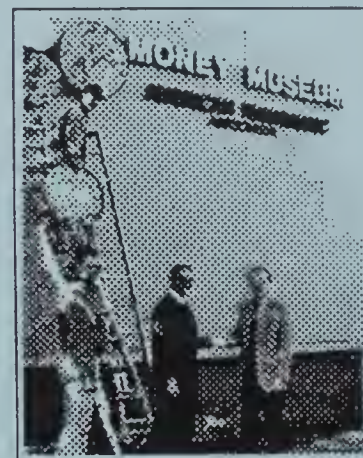
Thank you again for helping to make our new sign a reality.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Hoge

Curator

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ARE THEY REALLY LOVE TOKENS?

"Love (LUV) (N., V. N.) (1) the profoundly tender or passionate affection for a person of the opposite sex, (2) a feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child or friend."

This definition from *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language* reads as follows: "Something that is, something that you have."

Now consider: "Cathexis (ka thek' sis) - the investment of emotional significance in an activity, object or idea."

M. Scott Peck, M.D. in *The Road Less Traveled*, advises that "cathecting - - - is the process by which an object becomes important to us."

You may cathect a person without loving them because that is the process by which an object becomes important to us. That being the case, and knowing that love tokens, at least a high percentage of the time, were given by suitors, that is, *during courtship*, might they properly be called "mementos of cathexism"?

Sincerely yours,

V. Wayne Arter

11314 Wilbur Ave.

Northridge, CA 91326

President's Message

With the rapid approach of summer - - scratch that, in many areas summer has already put in an appearance. In the numismatic hobby right smack in the middle of summer comes the ANA annual convention. With that convention comes that biggest event for the Love Token Society. As has been our custom, we will have a booth on the floor, and of course our annual Society meeting.

The ANA annual also produces the largest display of exhibits. In the exhibit area, the Society has had a separate category set aside for love tokens (#18) and has underwritten the cost of three plaque awards, one for first, second, and third place. In this connection, I must again plead for at least three love token exhibits. The three plaques are made up in advance with just the winners names left to be done at the last minute. If they are not awarded, they have to be destroyed, and of course the money wasted. Do not let that happen!!!

For our annual Society meeting in Anaheim in August, I plan to have a discussion on the Vorley auction held in London this past December. I bid on 10 lots and only got one. There were 17 pieces in my lot, of which I plan on keeping 11. Three pieces I have resold at the ANA Mid-Winter, and the other three are still available and I will have them with me in Anaheim. I am asking what I paid for them, however, the price is very high especially for what they are. I did manage to purchase from an English dealer seven pieces for which I paid an exorbitant price, but I wanted them. These coins will also be with me in Anaheim, along with the above 11 tokens.

Our society is healthy, but we are not growing enough in membership. We need to have strength to succeed. Each one of us loves the collection we have. Share it! Write articles about some of your pet pieces. Exhibit part of your collection. Show others what fun you have, and how interesting love tokens are. Eleven years ago an award was set up for any love token exhibit in any public coin show or any public area (other than the ANA annual conven-

tion). If it was a competition, then it was the first place award that was eligible for the award. It is administered by the ANA upon proof of the exhibit. The award is a framed silver certificate and a one year free membership in the Love Token Society. Only about five certifications have been awarded, with none in the last six years. Why? The more people we can get collecting, the more love tokens will come out of the woodwork! Think about it! Let us not hide our light under a bushel! The more interest we can create in love token collecting, the more likely we will be able to bring out pieces buried in bureau drawers, closets, boxes, pocketbooks, etc. There must be millions still buried or squirreled away somewhere!

Vice President Sid Gale is doing a fine job of handling the sale of love tokens through the Love Letter. At the moment, there seems to be a lull in getting more tokens to be offered. I am working on an English dealer who got several large lots from the Vorley Collection. He has sold some pieces but still has some 150 pieces that are lying dormant. He wants to sell them to me and then I can sell them in the Love Letter. That leaves him clean, and me stuck with a number of uncollectable pieces. I want him to give them to me on consignment, sell what I can and return the unsold pieces. So far he is not agreeable. I can be patient. He will eventually want out and will agree. He will at least be able to cut his losses.

The way the lots were set up, made them available only for dealers who glean out the better pieces, boost that prices and be bailed out for the useless pieces. We will just have to wait this one out.

If you are planning on being in Anaheim, please make every effort to attend the annual meeting, which will be on Friday, August 18th, at 4:00 PM in room A12. Also stop by our booth on the bourse floor, and if possible, spend an hour or two in the booth so that I can get a chance to get on the floor to see what is

available. I am looking forward for a very successful show. See you there!!!

In closing, I extend my best wishes to you and your family for a most happy and healthy summer.

Lloyd L. Entenmann



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Great Love Tokens For Sale

1800 Five Dollar gold (a rare coin) strictly VG-F, encased in a gold (14K?) bezel. Engraved on the field obv. "SJKB Apl 26th/1800" (left) and "Sep, 6th 1871" (rt). The bezel is stamped "Wm. BURCHER" followed by a small anchor (top) and "By BILLIE TOOTHE" (bottom). Coin is soldered in the bezel and is looped. A true exhibit prize. In VG the coin Trends for \$1,200. alone. \$575.00 Call first.

1944 Mercury dime, engraved 1890's style rev. "Harry" "13178888". No doubt a WWII dog tag with flourishes above and below. Holed at top. \$10.00 VF overall.

Pair of Barber dime cuff bottoms. No engraving. Just two scarce VF-XF coins 1892's and 1893's. \$45.00

7 coin bracelet with clasp. WWII probably. NZ 1sh 1935 center, 2 NZ 6d, 2 NZ 3d and 2 Japanese 1 Yen, total 5 silver and two tin coins. \$10.00 VF-XF.

Seated Liberty quarter, Eng obv. "Tam" in fancy wreath with toothed edges. Working clasp. VF. \$20.00

1876 Seated dime hammered into button shape, 2 holes. Ag-G \$1.25

1877 Seated dime, pin removed, obv. Rev. nicely engraved with fancy border 3 tools -- trowel, spatula, and chisel, initials "FJF" in script below. Nice \$15.00

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"What Would Bacchus Have Thought"

Although Bacchus the god of Wine, did not collect love tokens, we who do collect them know there is always something different coming up. The latest coin show had very slim pickings. One dealer said, "we had one" and told me he wasn't into Love Tokens, but I looked anyway. Usually it turns out to be a monogram but this time my eyes lit up. It was an 1895 Barber obverse and Full inscription on reverse.

It appears that G. Boni on May 11, 1898 had a bet with RN to turn Water into Toscano Wine in Rome Italy, with two other people as witnesses. The bet was done at arm's length.

The inscription is as follows:

Won from R.N. for turning water
into wine at arm's length,
one drop into pure Toscano.
Le Venete, Roma 11 mag 1898 G. Boni
EWN; R. N. A. L.

This only shows one has to check every coin no matter how mundane the dealer feels it is.

F. Helfand
LTS #575



The Vorley Collection

Part 3

The beautiful "Sacred to Friendship" Love Token illustrated in Part I sold with (10) other coins for \$325.00.

Part 2 - illustrations sold as follows: Lot 5 (2) - \$148.00, Lot 14 - \$171.00, Lot 51 (2) - \$187.00, Lot 52 (3) - \$78.00, Lot 104 (11) - \$265.00, Lot 109 (8) - Girl by large anchor bidding farewell (8 coins) - \$655.00 and Lot 113 booked at \$296.00.

Other fine Love Tokens, I felt fortunate to have obtained are a 1797 English cart-wheel with floral engraving with fancy lettering "May God Prosper Your Day". An-

other with two Victorian swans on large English pennies that looked very much alike and were undoubtedly the work of one engraver.

When Mr. Vorley began collecting engraved coins, there were perhaps a dozen astute collectors searching them out in the 1930's. I'm sure there are 5 times as many collectors whom we don't even know of today competing for the few remaining Love Tokens in England today.

I'm sure most collectors find it difficult to part with your collections because of all






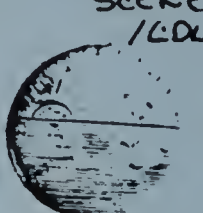









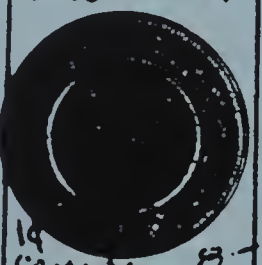










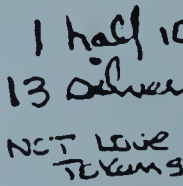















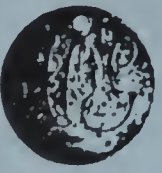



the effort you have given. I would sell my coins before parting with my Love Tokens.

Another and final Love Token I received is on an English 1/2 penny. It has my girlfriend's name engraved on it. Mirta was all excited about it. Her name is Spanish and actually quite unusual and to find her name on a Love Token was unbelievable for her. There are arrows and hearts and is dated 1778!












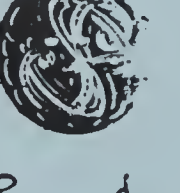

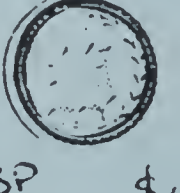







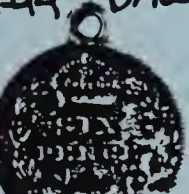

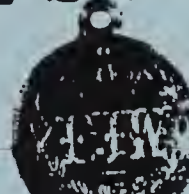




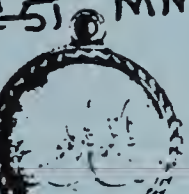

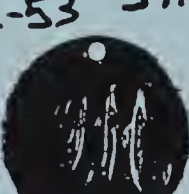



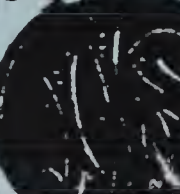

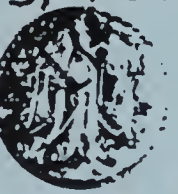


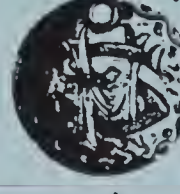

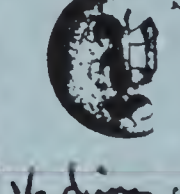




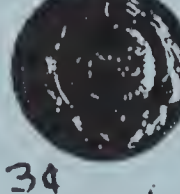

We will all be looking forward to another collection being auctioned like Mr. Vorley's, but don't plan on that happen-

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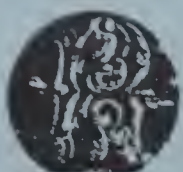
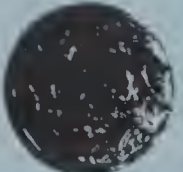


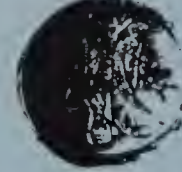



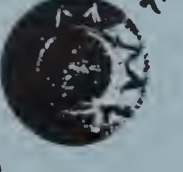




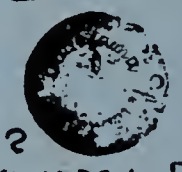
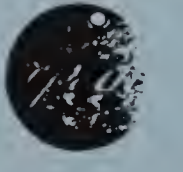














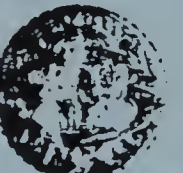














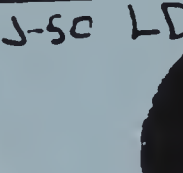




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<p>Z-8 HOUSE SCENE /BLANK</p>  <p>? \$15-</p>	<p>Z-9 M</p>  <p>1856 \$8-</p>	<p>Z-10 ?</p>  <p>1846 \$3-</p>	<p>Z-11 AEH</p>  <p>1/2 10¢ 1853 \$7-</p>	<p>Z-12 INA</p>  <p>1822 5¢ Canada \$9-</p>	<p>Z-13 T flowers</p>  <p>5¢ Canada \$8-</p>	<p>Z-14 HMK Sep 23 '15 ELH</p>  <p>Canada \$8-</p>
<p>Z-15 EDO</p>  <p>Canada \$8-</p>	<p>Z-16 IK</p>  <p>19 Canada 8-</p>	<p>Z-17 Sunday OCT 14 94 WLS McKee</p>  <p>1847 1¢ \$8-</p>	<p>B-1 M</p>  <p>25¢ 1854 \$11-</p>	<p>B-2 TIE</p>  <p>25¢ 12-</p>	<p>B-3 B</p>  <p>1844 8-</p>	<p>B-4 HMT</p>  <p>1817 8-</p>
<p>B-5</p>  <p>GB FLORIN</p>	<p>FHE</p>  <p>\$15-</p>	<p>B-6 HCE</p>  <p>1877 \$8-</p>	<p>B-7 HMW</p>  <p>1848 \$8-</p>	<p>B-8 CT</p>  <p>Canada \$8-</p>	<p>B-9 BRACKET</p>  <p>1 half 10¢ 13 silver 3¢ NOT LOVE TOKENS \$45-</p>	<p>C-1 AB</p>  <p>GB 3P 6-</p>
<p>C-2 JA</p>  <p>3P GB 1847 \$6-</p>	<p>C-3 GW</p>  <p>3P GB \$5-</p>	<p>C-4 MB</p>  <p>3P GB \$7-</p>	<p>C-5 JW</p>  <p>3P GB \$6-</p>	<p>C-6 Z</p>  <p>3P GB \$6-</p>	<p>C-7 JA</p>  <p>3P GB \$6-</p>	<p>C-8 EP</p>  <p>3P GB \$7-</p>
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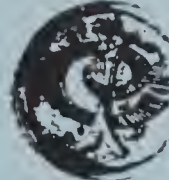
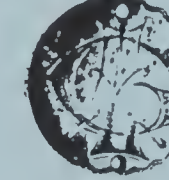

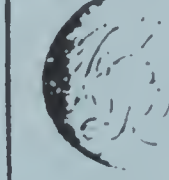






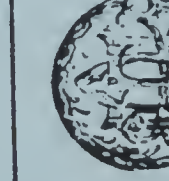



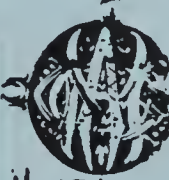













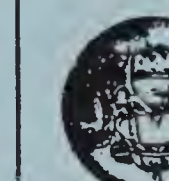

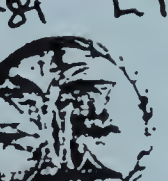

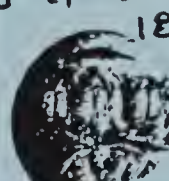




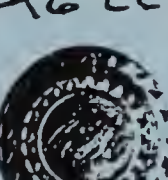
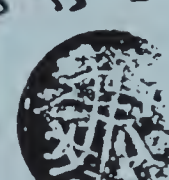


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C-30 JH  3P GB \$5-	C-31 MIN  3P GB \$5-	C-32 EW  3P GB \$6-	C-33 WO  3P GB \$6-	C-34 SS  3P GB \$6-	C-35 JTR  3P GB \$5-	C-36 W  3P 1821 \$6-
C-37 EVL  3P GB \$7-	C-38 JF  3P GB \$6-	C-39 DSP  3P GB \$5-	C-40 Design?  3P 1823 \$7-	C-41 WB  3P GB \$5-	C-42 IEC  3P GB \$6-	C-43 LZW  3P GB \$6-
C-44 DAW  6P 1902 \$6-	C-45 VR  6P GB \$6-	C-46 FSW  6P 1901 \$6-	C-47 MAB  6P GB \$6-	C-48 TG  6P GB \$6-	C-49 AHL?  6P GB \$5-	C-50 JHMC  6P GB \$6-
C-51 MM  6P GB \$7-	C-52 JHM  6P GB \$7-	C-53 JM  6P GB \$6-	C-54 WH  15K 1877 \$8-	C-55 RLW  1 Feather GB \$6-	C-56 TML  1 Feather GB \$8-	C-57 WLC/JLS  ? \$6-
C-58 WSF  1875 \$6-	C-59 ASN  1883 \$7-	C-60 PKC  4P GB \$6-	C-61 LP/MH  ? \$6-	C-62 RWS/MS  ? \$6-	C-63 AH  5P 1823 \$8-	C-64 Y  1/2 dime 1857 \$7-
C-65 BFH  1/2 10¢ 1856 \$3-	C-66 P CUFF LINK  Bulmer 10¢ \$8-	J-1 ES  1¢ 1824 \$7-	J-2 TB  3¢ 1866 \$7-	J-3 FF  3¢ 1869 \$7-	J-4 AB  3¢ 7-	

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J-6 R  1875 7.-	J-7 Design  1861 7.-	J-8 RA  ? 7.-	J-9 JAL  1857 7.-	J-10 HAJ  1877 \$7.-	J-11 HL  1885 7.-	J-12 EBM  1842 7.-
J-13 S, WAVE  1/2 10¢ 1848 7.-	J-14 Design  1/2 10¢ 1862 7.-	J-15 Design  1/2 10¢ ? 7.-	J-16 H  Canada 7.-	J-17 Flower  Canada 7.-	J-18 MB  1000 Denmark 7.-	J-19 BASHAMA Tardentelli  ? Sweden 7.-
J-20 F/4CF  Sweden? 7.-	J-21 TT  Copper 7.-	J-22 W  2 Ore 7.-	J-23 F  GB 7.-	J-24 RR  GB 7.-	J-25 L  GB 7.-	J-26 WKC/41  54? 8.-
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J-48 AP  Canada 8.-	J-49 S  1¢ 1885 8.-	J-50 LD  10 centimes Silver 8.-	J-51 FG  \$8.-	J-52 FG  1824 \$9.-	J-52 WB  1872 \$9.-	J-53 AM  1823 \$9.-

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J-54 JCH  1890 9.-	J-55 A  Bridges 1894 9.-	J-56 WFM  1887 9.-	J-57 JC  1887 9.-	J-58 LAG  1875 9.-	J-59 PMR  1889 9.-	J-60 GWS  1875 9.-
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J-82 JFC  1886 10.-	J-83 JCI  1877 6 Pence 10.-	J-84 EL  1853 10.-	J-85 LIC  1876 10.-	J-86 BLH  1875 10.-	J-87 MB  1873 10.-	J-88 JMH  1877 10.-
J-89 LT  1882 10.-	J-90 EF  1877 10.-	J-91 UMF  1840 10.-	J-92 EPT  1876 10.-	J-93 LH  1888 10.-	J-94 CHB  1871 10.-	J-95 FR  1872 10.-
J-96 CEH  Bridges 1884 10.-	J-97 AF  1886 10.-	J-98 JSG  1892 10.-	J-99 AS  Denmark 10.-	J-100 CSR  1887 10.-	6 Bracelets from last love letter	
						24 Cents from last love letter

The Vorley Collection

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is not an annual event.

Yes, rare coin auctions occur monthly and have high prices and so called 'rare coins' and are always available for those with huge ego's and deep pockets.

Not so for the "Vorley Collection". His endeavour's were excitement, education and plain old fashioned fun!

Bob Wester
LTS #453



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Please send all requests to Sid Gale, P.O. Box 970,
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Or telephone: 504-626-3867

In remitting,

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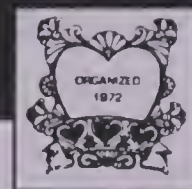


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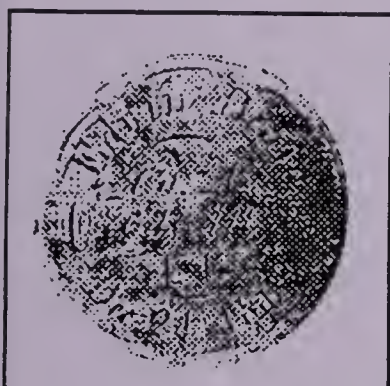
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In 1984 I obtained from a local coin dealer of long acquaintance a unique piece of Civil War memorabilia. It consists of a variety 1 Seated Liberty quarter dollar, with its obverse features planed off and an inscription added, as was commonly practiced in making love tokens during the latter part of the 19th century. This particular inscription, EDWIN BEARD/CO.A/64"ILL//V.V./DEC.24", 1863, identifies a Civil War soldier and his company. The reverse bears two solder marks, indicating that the token once was fastened to another metal surface, perhaps a belt buckle, money clip or item of equipment carried by the soldier as he moved with his regiment. In this way, it served as a "dog tag", identifying the soldier should he be killed or wounded in combat.

I tried to imagine the circumstances that surrounded the soldier who once possessed this token. Where did the war take him? Did he survive the period of conflict, and if so, what became of him afterward? I then undertook a study of the soldier's history. It proved to be a

fascinating story.

EDWIN BEARD was born on January 4, 1839, in New Sharon, Maine, the son of Ebenezer Beard of Franklin County.(1) Some time prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, he moved to Illinois.

According to the Adjutant General's report for the State of Illinois, on September 25, 1861, Edwin Beard was one of the first group of volunteers from the little town of Ophir, Illinois, to enlist for a three-year term of service in the battalion known as "Yates' Sharpshooters", which became part of the distinguished 64th Illinois Infantry Regiment.(2)

The First Battalion of Yates' Sharpshooters, consisting of four companies (one of which was Beard's Company A), was organized at Camp Butler, Illinois, in December 1861. After two additional companies were mustered into service on December 31, the battalion was ordered to Quincy, where it was armed.

Their first engagement took place down the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri at New Madrid, where they made a successful night attack forcing an eventual Confederate withdraw. The entire battalion subsequently was engaged in the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, being continuously on the picket and skirmish

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line from April 22 to June 10, 1862, where they were in "the advance of Pope's army, generally a mile in front,

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Where it is so rare to know the whole story of a love token, perhaps other members would be interested. Obviously this is one of my special love token treasures.

Archie R. Taylor

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A gentlemen in Winston-Salem, NC desperately wants a love token with his wife's name - - NOEL - - with or without the umlaut over the "E". Since he does not mention anything about the coin it is on, I assume it is optional. If you have such a name, or know where there is one, please contact me as soon as possible. Lloyd L. Entenmann, 609-547-2858.

TOKEN TALK

The following is an answer to Al Skornick's question in the June issue of Token Talk.

- "1) How can you tell which letter comes 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on a love token? Any Clues?
- 2) At a recent coin show I bought a Schilling (Queen Victoria on front, a cut out crest and 1887 date on back). It had been enameled in various colors. Is this a form of Love Token?"

In reply to Al Skornick's first question in "TOKEN TALK", I've always felt that on an intertwined letters love token, the largest or predominant one represented the person's last name. If they are essentially the same size, I've favored the more intricate or "fancier" one for the last initial. On a 3-initial piece, quite often the center initial is larger (and often also more distinctive) which, I feel, stands for the last name. The letter on the left would be the person's first name, and the one on the right would be the middle initial. I think the above is the generally accepted theory, and while there's no way of knowing on individual pieces, it may often be confirmed by tokens on a bracelet or brooch where several have a common letter (the last name).

On Al's second question, I would think that his cut out, enameled 1887 Queen Victoria Shilling would fall under the broad umbrella of a Love Token, but really would not be considered one in the strictest sense of the term.

Regards, Bill Fivaz

New Token Talk Question

I would like to know what other LTS members think about cleaning their love tokens? Does it lower their value and if not what is a recommended way to clean them?

John Magruder
LTS #719



Mourning Token of Love & Torment

We all have problems in this life, some people more than others, people even magnify their problems. I must be fortunate due to, I suppose; my happy go lucky attitude. For this I am truly grateful! I don't need a token reminder.

Love token collectors have stated black enameled tokens in most cases would indicate death of a love one. What few I have appear to be mourning tokens except for a pair of Liberty Seated Half Dollar woman's cuff links. Apparently she liked black and silver.

I have only one gold piece which is an American ten dollar which speaks of love, tragedy and torment.

Old English script was used on the obverse and states across the face "Sacred to Papa and Mama". Flourishes were engraved above and below the script and double decorative reading has been added around the outer edge. A loop for wearing was added.

On the reverse, beautiful flourishes were engraved at the top and are followed by the message in 3 type faces as follows; In Loving Remembrance of Little Don. Along the bottom from 5 to 7 o'clock are flowers and roses.

This coin leaves much to my imagination as well as you who are reading this; how old was Little Don? How tragic was his death? The coin is so elaborate in its engraving that he meant much more than life to his parents, how much, we'll never know.

Bob Wester

President's Message

Unfortunately, I must write this letter just before the annual ANA Convention in Anaheim, California. In my last letter I mentioned that I was working on trying to get a London dealer to send me on consignment some 150 pieces he has left from his lots from the Vorley Collection. He has finally consented. He has sent me 138 pieces. I have sorted them out and have them ready to display for sale. I only hope that when I settle up with him, the exchange rate at that time is not higher than the rate I used. That rate has been fairly steady these last few weeks.

I was disappointed in the individual pieces as they are largely initials, which is unusual for English pieces. There are a few scenes and sayings, and a number of just designs. They will all be available in Anaheim, but of course, it will be first come, first gets the pick of the lot. So, if you get to Anaheim, get to the booth as early as you possibly can. The prices are high, but only three or four are excessively high, the rest run under \$50.00 each.

I decided not to put them in the Love Letter as nearly all are copper half penny and penny coins, which do not photograph well, and in addition many of them are lightly engraved to make photocopy almost impossible. You really have to see the tokens to appreciate their beauty.

At our meeting and at our booth, I will have all of the Vorley collection that I personally own, so that you can get a broader idea of the kind of collection he had. I was able to get some of the better pieces from dealers that I know, although the prices I paid were unrealistic.

Upon my return from Anaheim,

I will only be home two days and then leave to go to Marlboro, Massachusetts for a coin show, where I will have a table and a regional meeting. Also, if there are any pieces of the Vorley collection left from Anaheim, I will have them for sale. Whatever is left after the show, I will return to the London dealer as unsold.

I have not heard from any of the members relative to having an exhibit in Anaheim. I sincerely hope we have at least three entered or I will be hearing from the ANA. It is a shame to waste a plaque or two as that is what happens if we don't award all three awards that are prepared for each ANA annual convention. Exhibits are an excellent way to advertise our hobby. Remember, exhibits not only attract new collectors, but more importantly, it makes people who have love tokens stashed away somewhere, realize they have a value, and they bring them out and put them on the market. So, let us loosen up and get with it!! Exhibit! It is fun, once you start and get into the habit.

Also I would appreciate it if you would push the book, "Love Tokens As Engraved Coins". Within the last five weeks, I sold two copies to persons who learned about the hobby and the book from a friend who showed them a copy of the book. I still have over 500 copies on hand in my living room.

There are still a few items that I have in mind to write about, but do not have the time to sit down and compose the articles. I also have three love tokens that I want to research and write on them. But it all takes time, which I still cannot find it possible to do.

In my October issue, I hope to have a full report on the sale of the Vorley collection and the ANA and Marlboro shows. In the meantime, have an enjoyable summer and happy love token hunting.

Sincerely,

Lloyd L. Entenmann



An Infant Mourning Token

Love tokens cover the whole cycle of life. Some commemorate happy events such as births, betrothals and weddings and some sad, such as the end of life.

It is tragic when both birth and death come so close together.

The love token I am referring to is a 1893 Colombian half dollar. The reverse is shaved down with a late Victorian script as follows:

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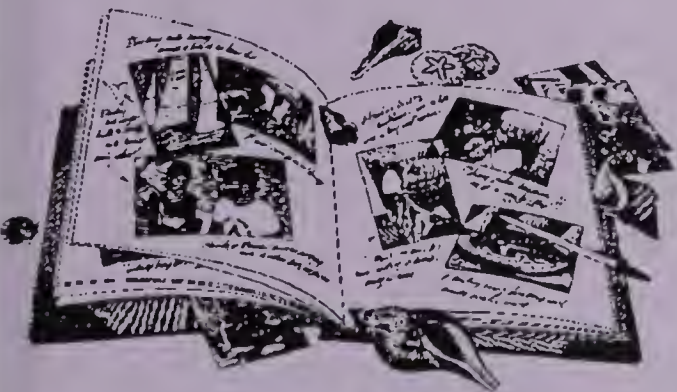
Born Aug 16, 1897

Died Jan 4, 1898

It shows that he lived less than five months and I'm sure it must have been quite a tragedy. Either his father or mother must have carried this coin as a pocket piece as it has no hole or loop on it. Why a Colombian half dollar? Could his parents have met at the fair or did they just have the coin because the fair was only four years before the sad event?

In Victorian times, it was not uncommon to lose a family member so young to childhood diseases. The mourning Token is part of the evolution of funeral customs of the 18th and 19th century where they gave gloves, Gold rings, spoons etc. to remember the deceased in later years.

F. Helfand - LTS #575



WHAT ARE THE MOST EXPENSIVE LOVE TOKENS?

\$ince nearly all love tokens are one-of-a-kind, and equally rare, value is based on other factors that rarity. In searching for records of higher priced love tokens (over \$250), the field is small indeed. Any \$20 engraved piece will sell for more than \$250 based on gold value. Some \$10 gold pieces will fetch that price based partly on gold value and workmanship. I paid \$900 for a \$10 gold piece engraved as a prize for a horse race held in Utah in 1878. Its value was based largely on historical connections. I paid \$1,000 for a \$5 gold piece presented to the diamond cutter who cut the Hope diamond in 1901. I saw a very rare 1796 half dollar (valued in low grade at \$3,000) offered by Johnathan Kern a few years ago for \$1,250. It was an engraved coin. An engraved Goebrecht dollar was sold at a Bowers & Ruddy auction about 12 years ago for \$400 (or so). Actually, any rare coin in its own right such as the 1796 half dollar or Goebrecht dollar would command a very substantial premium over

a similar sized love token on a more common date coin.

A bust half dollar engraved for a young relative of President Andrew Jackson was featured about a year ago for \$400. Again, the historical connection raised the value far over what any other nicely engraved bust half dollar would bring. A few engraved Peace dollars (actually the first few struck were engraved a presentation pieces in 1921) go for hundreds of dollars each -- if one can trace a recent sale. LTS members are urged to contribute information on any verified sale over \$1,000. A \$50 slug is known to have been engraved and sold -- it surely went for well over \$1,000.

How many love tokens (actually engraved coins) can be identified as having been sold for \$1,000 or more? I am sure there are a few, maybe a very few, but they are there. And among them, which is the highest priced one? Anyone know?

Sol Taylor

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WANTED

"CG" "CWG" "CINDY"

Also, those depicting sports scenes or with lettering related to sports.

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Token of an Illinois Soldier

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more than half the time without tents, and always sleeping on their arms" (3). The great battle of Corinth, fought on the third and fourth of October, saw Yates' Sharpshooters heavily involved; 70 of its men were among the killed, wounded or missing.

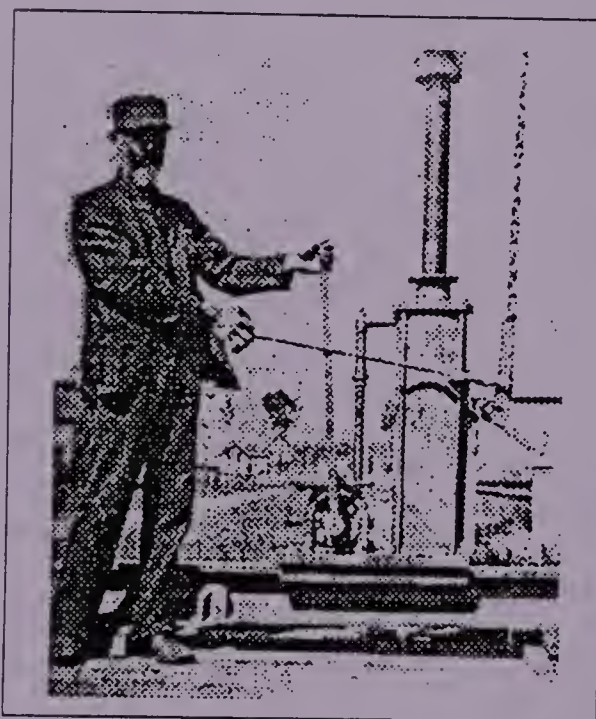
The battalion spent the next year in northern Mississippi hunting guerrillas, scouting and erecting fortifications. On November 4, 1863, it moved to Iuka and then on to Pulaski, Tennessee, forming a part of Sherman's army of 60,000 as it swept through Alabama and Tennessee, a preliminary to the great campaign of the next summer.

When, in 1863, it became clear that the war would not come to an early end, a national effort was made to encourage volunteer soldiers to reenlist as "veteran volunteers." In the latter part of December, after more than two years of active service and direct involvement Beard, chose to reenlist. The date noted on Beard's token, December 24, 1863, commemorates his reenlistment as a veteran volunteer.

On their return to Tennessee, the men of the 64th Illinois were assigned to the 4th Division of the 16th Army Corps, which joined General Sherman's army. As Sherman approached Resaca in northwest Georgia, the 64th was employed to drive the Confederates into their works and was importantly involved until the enemy retreated on May 16, 1864. By this time Edwin Beard had been detached to the Divisional Pioneers, which operated much like modern-day combat engineers, performing such tasks as Bridging streams, im-

proving roads and constructing fortifications, frequently working under enemy fire. Beard's division, with the 64th Illinois prominent in the action, then successfully fought at Dallas, New Hope Church and other smaller engagements leading to the foot of Kenesaw Mountain.

At the great battle of Kenesaw Mountain, the division, and the 64th Illinois in particular, played a leading role. When the Confederates fell back on July 3, 1864, the flag of the



64th Illinois was the first on the mountain! Casualties in that action alone numbered 57.

Losses continued to mount as the division crossed the Chattahoochie River and advanced on Nance's Creek, then Decatur. (The regiment succeeded in recapturing the field glasses and papers of Major General McPherson, who was killed in action while marching to the support of his command, the 17th division). In these battles, the 64th Illinois suffered a total of 122 casualties. (4) The 64th's successful defense against vigorous attacks led by Confederate General Hood may be attributed, in part, to the fact that the

regiment was armed with Henry repeating rifles, which provided substantially more firepower than the muzzleloaders in general use during the Civil War.

On September 23, 1864, the 64th Illinois was transferred to the 17th Army Corps, which commenced pursuit of General Hood, ultimately leading them to Atlanta. Beard missed the battle of Atlanta because he was home on convalescent leave. His service record shows he was hospitalized 16 times for dysentery and similar ailments, a result of the rigorous conditions under which soldiers served in those days. (5) Many men of the 64th simply lay down, never get up again. (6) In most cases, Beard was "returned to service" within a few days; however, in October 1864 his illness was sufficient for him to be sent home on furlough.

Beard took advantage of his furlough to marry Adelia Catherine Knapp on October 20, 1864, in Ottawa, Illinois. (7) For a good deal of late 1864 and early 1865 Beard was hospitalized and missed much of Sherman's "march to the sea" and the triumphant invasion of the Carolinas. However, Beard returned to duty in May 1865 and therefore participated in the last part of the Carolina campaign and the Grand Review in Washington on May 24, 1865. Afterward, he moved with the regiment to Louisville, KY, where the entire regiment was mustered out on July 11, 1865. It may be noted the Edwin Beard served throughout the entire life of the 64th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from its initial organization in the Autumn of 1861 until deactivation in July 1865.

At the close of the war, Edwin

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and Adelia established residence in Ottawa, Illinois, where they lived until some time in the early 1870's. By 1874 they were in Chicago; from there they moved to Milwaukee in 1880; to Summit Lake, Wisconsin, in 1883; and finally, in 1887, to Antigo in Langlade County, Wisconsin. Between 1866 and 1888 the Beard's had nine children, eight of who survived to adulthood.

Although Beard described himself as a farmer when he enlisted in the infantry in 1861, after the war he took up a technological career. He held a U.S. patent for his invention of a "log canter," a device with a movable hook, used for canting or turning over, heavy logs. By the 1890's Beard was employed by the Pacific Boiler Company, installing boilers and flywheels for electricity-generating plants. It was in the performance of this work that Edwin came to an untimely end.

The following newspaper report from the *Langlade County Special* of Saturday, January 14, 1893, is written in the graphic style of the times:

Edward (sic) Beard, one of our highly respected citizens of the 4th Ward, met with a horrible death at Kaukauna Tues. eve. Mr. Beard was employed by the Pacific Boiler Co. and was putting up a new boiler for the Electric Light Works at Kaukauna. While at work he slipped and fell in a room where a large 16 foot wheel was located. He was wound around several times, then thrown against the wall and fell to the floor, a corpse. After examining him, they found his skull was smashed and his body bruised in several places. It was thought when the accident happened that he was figuring out the revolutions of the

drive wheel. As he fell he called for help but the machinist could not stop the wheel quick enough to prevent the accident. Mr. Beard leaves a widow and 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls, to mourn his untimely death. He was 55 (sic) years old and buried under the auspices of the Grand Army Post of this city on Thurs. AM. 9

Only 45 years old at the time, Adelia applied for and received Edwin's military pension, which amounted to \$8 per month, plus \$2 each for her four children under 16, giving her a total pension of \$16 per month. (9)

She succumbed to cancer on December 12, 1920. During the last years of her life she lived with her son Ralph L. Beard (her sixth child) who was only 14 when his father was killed. Seven children survived Adelia and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren are alive today.

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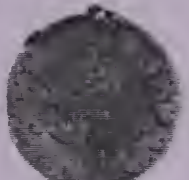
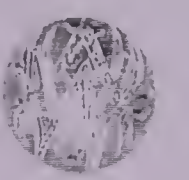


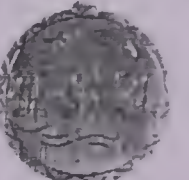







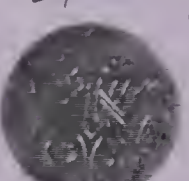

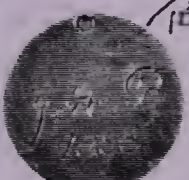








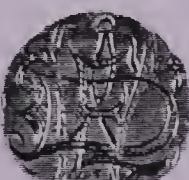
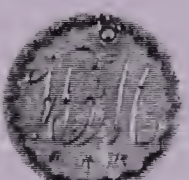

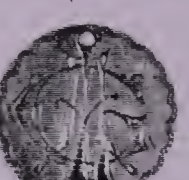

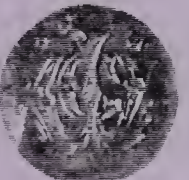

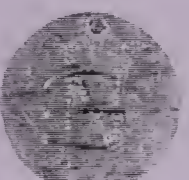
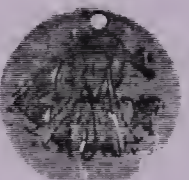

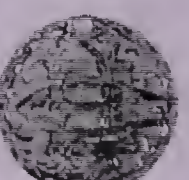
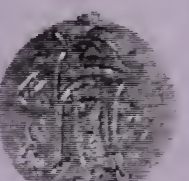
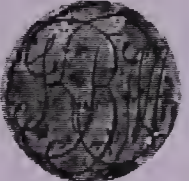
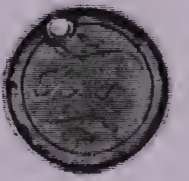
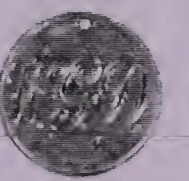

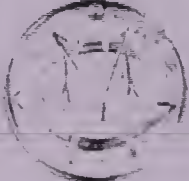

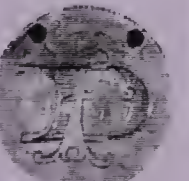


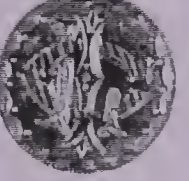


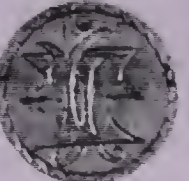
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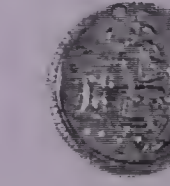
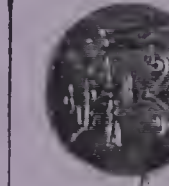
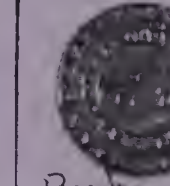
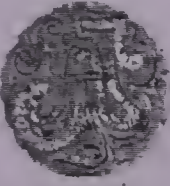
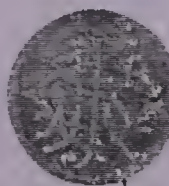

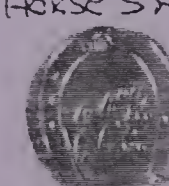
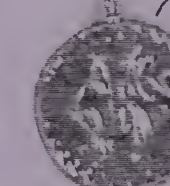
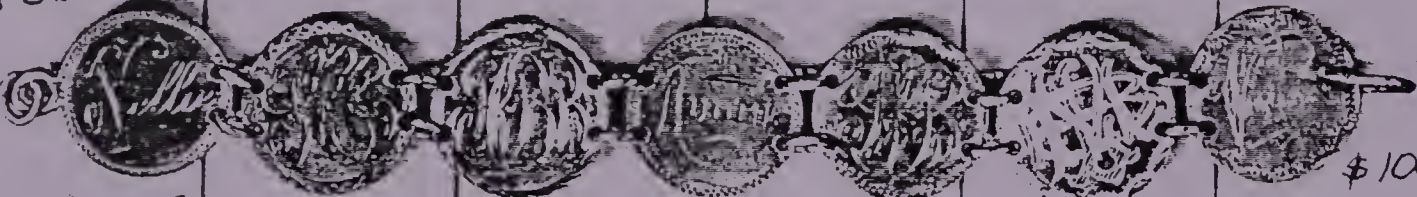
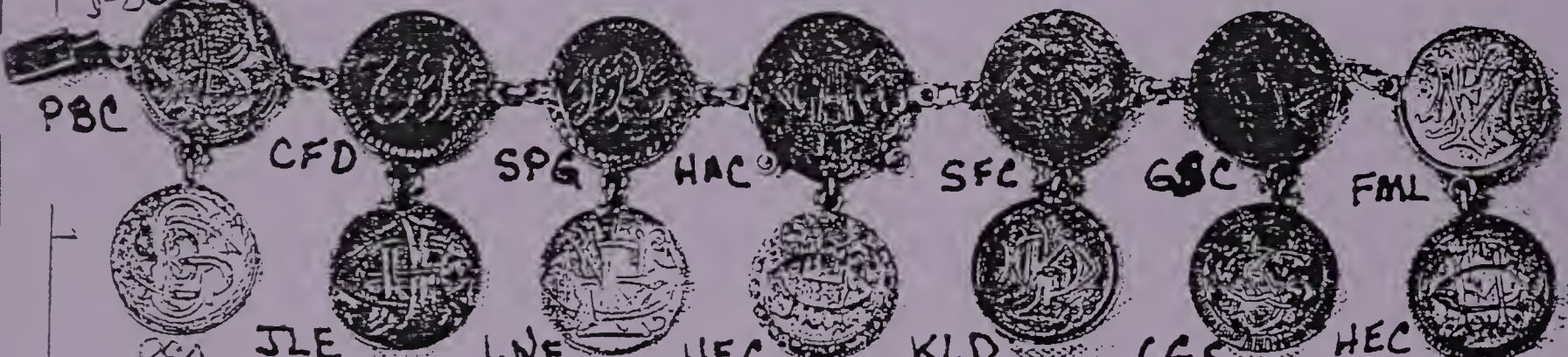

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C-6 TG  6P 6B \$6.-	C-7 WLC  ? \$5.-	J-1 FB  1875 \$7.-	J-2 RSL  1882 \$7.-	J-3 ALAMC  Dime \$7.-	J-4 RA  ? \$7.-	J-5 JAL  1857 \$7.-
J-10 HAJ  1877 \$7.-	J-11 HL  1885 \$7.-	J-12 EBM  1885 \$7.-	J-13 MB  Dime \$7.-	J-14 F  6B \$7.-	J-15 RR  6B \$7.-	J-16 JD  1840 \$8.-
J-17 GD  BLANK \$8.-	J-18 GSL  1876 \$8.-	J-19 HPB  1876 \$8.-	J-20 SSS  1877 \$8.-	J-21 MD  1873 \$8.-	J-22 ETE  1853 \$8.-	J-23 WPS  1877 \$8.-

Love Tokens Available

J-24 HHN  1857 \$8.-	J-25 GAS  1890 \$8.-	J-26 WWA  ^{1/2 10¢} 1856 \$8.-	J-27 HM  GB \$8.-	J-28 LRW  ^{1/2 10¢} 1856 \$8.-	J-29 FRT  1857 \$8.-	J-30 NB  BLANK \$8.-
J-31 EC  1856 \$8.-	J-32 MCM  10¢ \$8.-	J-33 AAT  1871 \$8.-	J-34 GJK  1883 \$8.-	J-35 EAB  1878 \$9.-	J-36 DR  1890 \$9.-	J-37 SWY  1875 \$9.-
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J-45 AE  1853 \$9.-	J-46 DA  1838 \$9.-	J-47 TK  Germany \$9.-	J-48 DEW  6P 1887 \$9.-	J-49 WFM  1887 \$9.-	J-50 JC  1887 \$9.-	J-51 LAG  1875 \$9.-
J-52 PMR  1889 \$9.-	J-53 GWJ  1875 \$9.-	J-54 CWT  1854 \$9.-	J-55 NE  1890 \$9.-	J-56 MRG  1875 \$9.-	J-57 CM  1875 \$9.-	J-58 JCE  1884 \$9.-
J-59 HLS  1876 \$9.-	J-60 KBM  1905 \$9.-	J-61 TLA  ^{1/2 10¢} 1854 \$9.-	J-62 WGD  GB \$9.-	J-63 JGJ  GB \$9.-	J-64 MWC  1875 \$10.-	J-65 ASP  1840 \$10.-
J-66 FD  1876 \$10.-	J-67 JCI  6P 1877 \$10.-	J-68 EL  1853 \$10.-	J-69 LIC  1876 \$10.-	J-70 BLH  1875 \$10.-	J-71 MB  1873 \$10.-	J-72 LT  1882 \$10.-

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J-73 EF  1897 \$10.-	J-74 UMF 1890  1890 \$10.-	J-75 EPT  1876 \$10.-	J-76 LH  1888 \$10.-	J-77 CHB  1871 \$10.-	J-78 FR 1892  ? \$10.-	J-79 CEH  Bar bar. \$10. O in mint
J-80 AF  1886 \$10.-	J-81 JSG  1892 \$10.-	J-82 CSR  1887 \$10.-	J-83 JJW Horse Shoe  1875 \$12.-	J-84 CFS/EHS  10¢ \$12.-		
J-85  NELLE LCC HBB AUNTIE PLB BML VIVIAN \$100.						
J-86  PBC CFD SPG HAC SFC GBC FML PSC JLE LNE HEC KLD CGS HEC 14 COINS \$190.						
J-87  BU NLB JOA MEU FL MB AP HK ELLAK 10 COINS \$130.						

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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter



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Love Letter



No. 161

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Oct/Nov 1995

The Great English Quest



I have to tell you of my quest for love tokens in England! Of course, I fantasized that I would find boxes of them in every flea market, and I went to a different flea market every day we were in London! (I purchased a lot of other junktiques, believe me! Portabello Road and Camden Passage were my favorite markets.) After six days of searching, asking, and begging for love tokens, I finally found one at an Art Show along Baywatch Road at Hyde Park. A chap who made jewelry out of old coins had one displayed. It is an 1899 3 pence engraved with a capital A. I was thrilled. I decided it stood for the Aaron House, our hotel in London. It was £2. about \$3.20. That proved to be the only token I found in London.

I was more optimistic when my sister and I took the train to Exeter which was to be our starting spot for

a two week stay in Devon and Cornwall. I was sure that I would find hoards of tokens in the small country antique shops. You can imagine my delight when I found three love tokens at the second shop we visited! They were Victorian coins engraved with "BW", "MRG", and "JOD". I paid £6.25 for the lot, about \$10. I was soaring! With 13 days left to shop, I figured I would come home with no less than 40 love tokens. It was not to be! After enjoying several days driving through the wonderful English Countryside and visiting many small picturesque harbors, all of which had antique and gift shops (but no love tokens), we arrive in Penzance. After discovering that most of the antique shops were along Chapel Street my sister and I were more determined that ever to find some tokens. At an antique mall, I found what proved to be the last tokens I would find! They were an 1878 4 pence (from what I can tell) that was made into a stick pin. It is engraved with "LVCC". I paid too much for it, but I was getting desperate at this point! It was marked L30 but I ended up paying about £20 for

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it, about \$32. The other 2 tokens I purchased were two more Victorian coins engraved with "EQ" and "GC".

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Funds

Balance July 31, 1995 \$7,198.99

Receipts

Dues	30.00
New Members	110.00
Sale of Coins	162.50
Donation	1.00
Interest (Bank Account) August	13.20
September	18.86

335.56

Total Receipts

Subtotal \$7,534.55

Expenses

Check #177 Jim Rigg	
Graphic Art LTS #160	75.00
Check #181 FUN 1996 Convention fees	100.00
Check #182 Kinko's Duplication LTS #160	150.13
Check #183 U.S. Post Office postage	64.00
Check #184 Robert Newhouse	
International postage	9.64
Check #185 Office Mart -	
1995 Directory envelopes	15.71
Check #186 Jim Rigg -	
Graphic art - '95 Directory	75.00
Check #187 Kinko's duplication '95 Directory	146.69
Check #188 Dutch Maid -	
postage - '95 Directory	120.69
Check #189 - Kinko's misc. duplication	10.08

Total Expenses 766.84

Balance September 30, 1995 \$6,767.71

Permanent Fund - Audubon Savings & Loan Association

1 year certificate of deposit \$ 421.24

Membership Report

Membership - July 31, 1995	271
New Members	10

Membership as of September 30, 1995 281

Barbara Newhouse - Secretary/Treasurer

New Members

#872 Paul André

#873 Ellen K. Wright

#874 Charlotte L. Sauther

#875 Kimberly Pickler

#876 Bill Lonergan

#877 Thomas Bray

#879 Evelyn Smith

Add the following to your 1995 Directory:

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1015 Fruitville Pike
Lititz, PA 17543

#880 Laurel Rinaldi
258 Broadway 2D
New York, NY 10007

#881 James M. Stephens
716 3rd St.
Belfre, OH 45714



The Great English Quest

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These were only *1* each! (\$1.60)

When we were visiting friends in Sidmouth, we went to our hostess' brothers antique shop. He had lots of coins. I asked about "love tokens". He had not heard of them, and after I explained what they were, he said, "Why, those are just defaced coins. We put those in the bin! (English for trash!!!!)" I made him promise to save them and send them to me from now on!

On our second to last day in England we were in a small town called Bradford on Avon. I inquired at an antique shop about tokens. The proprietor knew what they were and told me I should go to Baldwins in London. The chap there had thousands of them! So....back to London. Actually, my sister and I were spending our last day in London before flying out of Heathrow the next morning. As soon as we were settled in our hotel, I grabbed the yellow pages and looked up Baldwins. It was not listed under coins, collecting, antiques, or any other heading I could think of checking. Another disappointment.

I had a wonderful time in England. I loved the countryside and the shopping. The tokens I found are precious to me only because they are so few! I have to remember that the quest is often as much fun as the joy in finding something you want! I'll return to England soon and no doubt I will still be looking for love tokens! I will probably have more

TOKEN TALK

Dear Bob & Barbara,

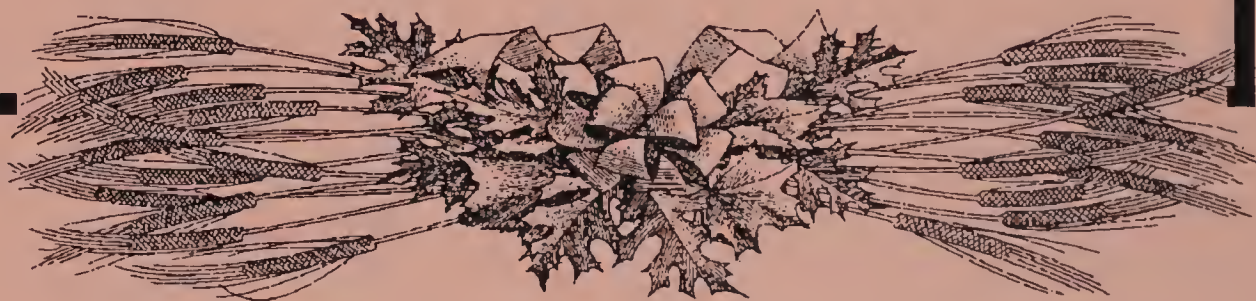
Thank you for the copy of Love Letter for 8/95. Glad to see "Token Talk" is getting off the ground, also thanks to Bill Fivaz for his response. It was quite helpful.

This is for John Magruder. As a coin collector (U.S. Type), I have coins that are grey, black & rainbow colors. It is a no, no to clean them. I would assume you could loose the value of the love token if you clean it just the same way you would if you cleaned a coin. (My opinion)

Question - I have a set of three coins (2 dimes and a half dollar) all with the initial "G". The "G" is in black enamel with a very fancy background. Since this is a set and enamelled, is this more valuable than a plain L.T.? Your article on "Token of an Illinois Soldier" was very interesting (made a copy for a friend - train buddy - he is a Civil War buff). Maybe I can get him to collect Love Tokens?

Look forward to your next Love Letter.

Best Regards
Al Skornick



success "shopping" the Love Token magazine but I'll never give up the search! Now....I wonder what the possibility of finding love tokens in Ajijic, Mexico is? You know, of course, when I go there next week I will be searching!

Jacque Brown
LTS #742

President's Message

We have now completed the show calendar for the year 1995. It was a good year over all. We gained a number of new members, transferred the ownership of quite a few love tokens, and managed to get over a hundred English Love Tokens into the ownership of American collectors. There is a separate article on this activity elsewhere in this issue. There is also an article on the love token exhibits with pictures at the ANA Anaheim show.

As I have been reporting in previous messages, my health has not been very good. It has deteriorated now to the point where I am being advised to take drastic action. The Doctor has ordered me to give up the cane and go to a wheelchair! I have what is known as a cerebellum dysfunction which affects the function of the nerves and muscles of the body. Thus I am losing control of the use of my legs, the weakening of the muscles are making the legs unable to support my body. In addition, my lower back is beginning to deteriorate to the point the Doctors do not recommend operating. All in all I am in fairly good shape for the shape I'm in! I have filed an application to go into a Home as I have no family and am not able to take care of myself. I don't give up easy and intend to do my best to hold up until next summer, the good Lord willing, when I will probably go out of circulation. I don't intend to go to seed, as I am now planning on doing a bit of

writing especially on love tokens for the Love Letter and also national publication.

I am making the above known now because election of officers is set for next August at our annual Society meeting. I want to see a dedicated group of officers elected so that our Society will continue to grow and become a permanent recognized Society of dedicated love token collectors. If you feel you would like to take an active part in the operations of the Society please contact me and we will discuss it.

The next show will be the FUN show in Orlando, Florida on January 4th through the 7th, 1996. The Society has paid for a table on the floor and have a reservation for a Society meeting. It is most important for the life of the Society to have booth or table and a club meeting at the FUN show and the two ANA national conventions. It is also very important that the table or booth be manned continuously during the show hours as we need to greet the casual passerby who will not stop or return to an unmanned booth. This exposure is extremely important!

There are several specific articles elsewhere in this Love Letter on topics I usually refer to in my message, but I want to be sure all the members read about these specific subjects.

Our Society has come a long way in the last ten years to the point where we now enjoy a high standing

in the numismatic circles. Let us strive to keep that recognition and increase it even further.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Entermann



FUN SHOW, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The FUN show will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, January 4 through 7, 1996. The Society will have a booth on the floor all during the show and will also hold a Society meeting open to all. If you attend, please be at the meeting, and it would be deeply appreciated if you would spend a couple of hours tending our booth so that I can get around on the floor to see what is available in the way of love tokens.

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ANAHEIM CONVENTION

From the Vice President

I attended the LTS meeting at the ANA show and took the following notes:

Our 23rd meeting was held Friday, August 18th with 14 member attending. Lloyd discussed the differences between English and U.S. Love tokens. Additionally he displayed and discussed the remainder of a collection of English love tokens that he has on consignment from a London coin dealer. Some of them are for sale in this Love Letter.

Sol Taylor suggested that we have an auction at the ANA show next year. Members can pre-screen the coins in the Love Letter just prior to the show and submit their bids by mail. As the coins are auctioned at the show I will match the bids with members mail bids. Highest bid gets the coin. He suggested a 10% commission - no buyer fee. Any comments?

Sol also suggested adding additional information i.e. grade etc. to the coins in the Love Letter because the pictures are not always very clear. I plan to include those suggestions commencing with the next letter.

We have a interesting group of love tokens for sale this month.. The first page of coins contains the remaining coins that Lloyd has on consignment from the dealer in England. He has 27 English coins, so I request that you order directly from Lloyd and send him the money within the

next three weeks (11-15-95) and be sure to include postage and insurance.

Once again John and Glenda Cheramy have generously consigned 45 coins shown on the second page (C-1 through C-45) at a base price. Any money received above the base price is donated to the LTS. As you can see - most have names. I have priced them reasonably so it's a good deal for everyone. In order to allow everyone the chance to acquire a desired name. I suggest that you order no more than five (5) of these coins initially. Also tell me which additional coins you want and after everyone has had a chance to buy some - I'll let you know if the additional coins that you requested are still available.

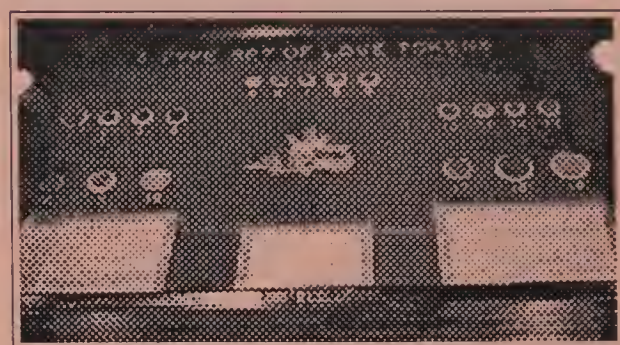
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ANA FORTH COMING CONVENTIONS

Keep in mind the Mid-Winter ANA convention in Tuscon, Arizona, March 2 through 4, 1996 (note the change of location and dates) and also the ANA annual convention in Denver, Colorado, August 16 through 20, 1996. We will have a booth and a Society meeting at both of these conventions. More details will be in the forth coming Love Letters.

ANAHEIM LOVE TOKEN EXHIBITS

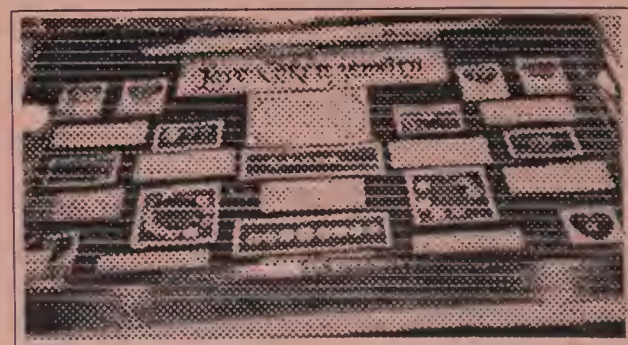
We were again fortunate this year in having three very beautiful Love Token Exhibits in class 18. The Officers and members are deeply grateful to the three members who entered exhibits. The First Place was titled



"A Type Set of Love Tokens" and was exhibited by Doris Andrew of Lancaster Pennsylvania. Second Place was titled "Some Unusual Love



Tokens" was exhibited by Kenneth Barr of San Jose, California. Third Place was entitled "Love Token Jewelry" and was exhibited by Agnes Alones of Floral Park, New York.



Congratulations to each of you and hope you exhibit again next year in Denver, Colorado!

Love Tokens Available

Z-1 AEM  1/2 10¢ 1853 \$7.00	Z-2 WTE  1876 \$6.-	Z-3 BBL  1882 \$8.-	B-3 HMW  1888 \$8.-	C-1 Butter Fly  GB 3P \$8.-	C-2 AC 70 EB  GB 6P \$7.-	C-3 ANNIE  GB 3P \$8.-
C-4 Best wish F. ABL  GB 6P \$7.-	C-5 CHARLIE  GB 3P \$8.-	C-6 DAISY  GB 6P \$8.-	C-7 DINAH  GB 3P \$8.-	C-8 EM  GB 3P \$7.-	C-9 FLORENCE  GB 3P	C-10 WEATHER in flowers  S.A. LP \$7.-
C-11 FRED  GB 3P \$8.-	C-12 JACK  GB 3P \$8.-	C-13 JACK  GB 3P \$8.-	C-14 JACK  GB 3P \$8.-	C-15 KATE  GB 3P \$8.-	C-16 LOTTIE to EVY  GB 3P \$8.-	C-17 LIZ ZIE  GB 3P \$8.-
C-18 LIZ  GB 3P \$8.-	C-19 MARY MELLEY  GB LP \$8.-	C-20 MARY MARCH 28  GB 6P \$7.00	C-21 NEIL  GB LP \$8.-	C-22 OLIVE  GB 3P \$8.-	C-23 PINJON  DANISH 100¢ \$8.-	C-24 S.A.B.S. Beach scene  very worn. 1/2 Dime \$10.-
C-25 SLO  GB 3P \$8.-	C-26 GRACE  GB 3P \$8.-	C-27 HARRIET  DANISH 100¢ \$8.-	C-28 HELGA  DANISH 100¢ \$8.-	C-29 JULIA  GB 6P \$8.-	C-30 JIM  GB 3P \$8.-	C-31 JIM  GB 3P \$8.-
C-32 MILLY  GB 6P \$8.-	C-33 MAY  GB 3P \$8.-	C-34 MARGIE  GB 3P \$8.-	C-35 MAUD  GB 3P \$8.-	C-36 Mother and Face  GB 3P \$7.-	C-37 Mother  GB 3P \$8.-	C-38 Mother + flowers  GB 3P \$8.-
C-39 RLY July 1874  20¢ \$8.-	C-40 VIC  GB 3P \$7.-	C-41  VINGT QUA 1919 \$8.-	C-42 WILL  GB 3P \$8.-	C-43 WILL  GB 3P \$8.-	C-44 FPK  1884 \$8.-	C-45 DAS  1883 \$8.-

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J-85 7 COINS \$70.-	J-86 14 COINS \$140.-	J-87 10 COINS \$100.-	J-88 10 COINS \$100.-	J-89 8 COINS \$80.-	J-90 16 COINS \$160.-	

Love Tokens Available



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AWESOME LOVE TOKEN FOR SALE

1800 \$5 Gold capped bust tupe (a rare coin Trends for \$1,200 in Good), Engraved on obv field "SJKB April 26, 1800" on the left field and "Sep 6th 1871" to the right. A gold bezel (14k?) is soldered to the coin and is inscribed at top "Wm. BURCHER" with a small anchor and at the bottom "By BILLIE TOOTHE". The coin has some dings from wear, bezel is looped at top. A precious love token indeed. \$575. A show stopper. Call first - (818) 789-7117.

Sol Taylor LTS #402

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The third page - The owner of the bracelets had reduced the prices of the six bracelets to the equivalent of \$10. per coin Also, the following five coins were submitted after I put the pages together and made the copies for print. This is the format that Sol Taylor suggested be added to the pictures.

- 2-4 Everett, w/fancy border on 1882 dime; F; hole- \$11.00
- 2-5 ES, ornate on 1875 dime, VG, solder on rim - \$8.00
- 2-6 Australia 1943D 6 pence, VF, 2 holes - \$6.00
- 2-7 Ti, Canada 10c, soldered metal on reverse, VG - \$6.00
- 2-8 Father, nicely engraved on 1877 dime, G-VG - \$9.00



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December 1995

A Love Token Hoard

Hoard of Love Tokens certainly exist and consider yourself fortunate like I did when I located this impressive group of 131 coins.

Among the four crowns were two Mexican, an 1885 cap and rays type with fancy initials engraved across the smoothed face; the other an 1866 Maxillian peso with J.E. H. and dated Sept. 2, 1879. The third, an unidentified lead or pewter with a basket of poinsettias and dated Dec. 25th and signed J.R. Cook 1886. The fourth is a French crown with soldier and horse which are beautifully enameled in red, white and blue.

The four half crowns enamelled coins are an English Queen Victoria, a U.S. Liberty seated with blue enamel entirely surrounding the silver eagle. The letter "A" for Angela is enamelled in black, while the Columbian Half Dollar having the ships and globes enamelled in many lovely colors.

A Liberty Seated Half Dollar is a highlight of this hoard because of the popularity of the superbly engraved steam locomotive engraved on its obverse, with an O mint reverse. You can see by the illustration that its a pleasure to own.



There were two gold coins. A type 3 gold dollar has the initials D.C. E in fancy entwined letters. The five dollar gold piece is dated 1893 and is inscribed Aunt May.

A barber quarter's reverse silver eagle has entire red enamelling with blue in the lines of the shield. The other quarters, which number a dozen, have names and initials. One is counter stamped A. FISK on its reverse, with the letter A with florals engraved on the face. This is the first counterstamp coin I've ever seen with a love token face. They are out there somewhere--hopefully you will find one next.

The final and most enjoyable is a liberty seated quarter which is cut-out and has two engraved owls seated and part of the coin, not attached. It is seldom one ever finds a quarter like this.

A hat pin Nancy Hall-Chapman of Canada would enjoy is enameled in blue-green for the trees and brush, plus white surrounds the outer edge lettering of Prince Edward Island around the coin. Also, for the Canadian collector, a New Brunswick twenty cent piece in AU has a most fancy R on the date side and the 1858 Canadian twenty cent has an unusual blacksmith's ballpeen hammer.

Two Victorian dimes of Canada were made into hat pins. One has the initials J.C; the other has an inlaid scroll with the name "Bob" attached. Were these husband and wife pins to be worn in her hat? Ladies, please tell us! Both are also pinpricked and engraved by the same hand.

The dimes portion of the collection is remarkable. Of the 82 pieces, 42 are



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President's Message

It hardly seems possible that the year 1995 is almost at an end! The year 1996 is beginning to appear on the horizon, bringing the FUN show in Orlando on January 4 through 7. If you can make this show, I urge you to do so. You will not regret it! As usual, the Society will have a booth and a meeting at this show. If you can make the show, please be sure to stop at the booth and also attend the meeting if possible. I will have a number of English love tokens which I purchased from the Vorley collection that was auctioned off last December. Some of them are really adorable!

Regarding The Vorley Collection, I have acquired about 150 pieces from that collection which I will bring to Orlando for exhibition at our booth and the Society's meeting. I am also conducting correspondence with an English coin dealer who has 45 pieces left from what he acquired for the Vorley auction which he wants to sell. I am trying to get it on consignment, but so far he is not willing. If I do get it, I will bring it to Orlando or Tuscon, or I may put it solely in the Love Letter as an auction bid with a minimum on each item equal to his asking price.

Also, keep in mind the ANA Mid-Winter show in Tuscon, Arizona, March 2 through 4; and also the ANA Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado, August 16 through 20. Please plan an exhibit for Denver, as we must have at least 3 love token exhibits. At this meeting also will be the annual meeting of the Love Token Society including an election of officers. Anyone interested in taking an active part please see me as soon as possible. I have no idea as to what is going to happen relative to Officers for the Society, as I have already informed the membership I will not be

available to continue in office. This meeting, if I make it, will probably be the last meeting I may be able to attend, as I anticipate being admitted in the Burlington Masonic Home in the fall. Even after I move to the Home, I will be active with love tokens and will welcome all inquiries relating to them. I anticipate writing articles and have correspondence about them. So, please keep in touch!!!

Sincerely

Lloyd L. Entenmann NLG

Western & Eastern Treasurers

The "Western & Eastern Treasures" is a monthly magazine published for "treasure hunters" or medal detector enthusiasts. The managing editor sent me a complimentary copy of the December 1995 issue because it contained an article written by one of their contributing editors on a love token he found and did not know what it was until he saw a copy of my book. In his article he praises and recommends the book to all medal detector enthusiasts. The editor also has a footnote to the article giving the name of the book, the price, and my name and address. Already I have received an order for one book from a treasure hunters club in New York.

Specific Love Tokens Wanted

I have an urgent request from two members for the following love tokens on any denomination silver coin: "JULIE"; "JULIANA"; "LYNN"; AND "LYNN ELIZABETH". If you have any of these, please send them to me with your asking price, and see if we can make someone or more persons happy.

Lloyd L. Entenmann

Wanted

"JANE"

Love Tokens

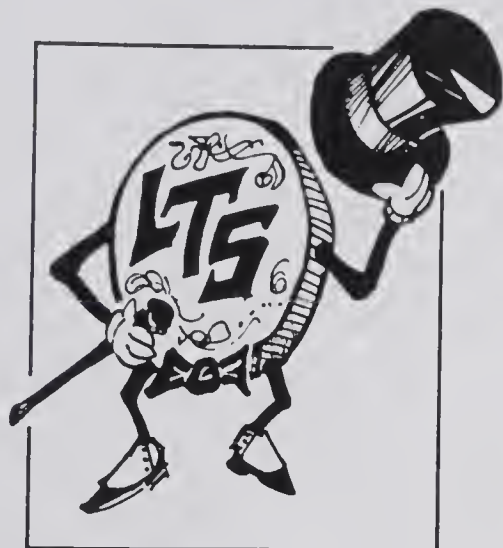
Thom Bray
P.O. Box 82082
Portland, OR 97828



The enclosed graphic is of a \$5 gold piece dated 1901. I owned it several years ago. The reverse was engraved as a souvenir and memento of the cutting of the Hope Diamond. It was presented to the diamond cutter who cut the record stone. All the information is engraved on the reverse, but not very readable on this photo. I believe the coin is now owned by the Harry Winston firm in New York.

Dr. Sol Taylor
LTS #402

Tip of the Token



The LTS newsletter completes another year with this issue. The editor would like to thank all members that have contributed articles & letters for newsletters throughout this year. Your support makes the job of editor more enjoyable - not to mention easier.

A Tip of the Token Thank You to each of you!

Sid Gale	#786
Frank Helfand	#515
Robert Wester	#453
Lloyd Entenmann	#186
Jacque Brown	#742
Al Skornick	#859
Sol Taylor	#402
V. Wayne Arter	#566
Archie R. Taylor	#824
Bill Firaz	#383
John Magruder	#719

Also, a special Tip of the Token Thank You to Jim Rigg, for the great layouts and graphics in the newsletters this year.

Editor
Robert C. Newhouse



Financial Statement

General Funds	
Balance September 30, 1995	\$6,767.71

Receipts	
Dues	10.00
Sale of Coins	59.00
Interest (Bank Account)	October 11.94
	November 11.27
correction	.10

Total Receipts	92.31
Subtotal	\$6,860.02

Expenses	
Check #190 - Jim Rigg - LTS #16	75.00
Check #191 - Kinko's duplication LTS # 161	188.30
Check #192 - U.S. Post Office postage - LTS #161	96.00
Check #193 - Robert C. Newhouse	
International postage	9.64
Check #194 - Kinko's duplication -	
invoice gift cards & envelopes	58.72
Check #195 - U.S. Post Office postage -	
1996 Invoices & LTS #162	160.00
Total Expenses	587.66

Balance November 30, 1995	\$6,272.36
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Permanent Fund	
Audubon Saving & Loan Association	
1 year certificate of deposit	421.24

Membership Report	
Membership (September 30, 1995)	281
Reinstated member	1
New members	0
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Barbara Newhouse
Secretary/Treasurer

New members ——— Welcome !

Tom L. Alexander , reinstated
5348 Oakbrooke Drive
Dayton, OH 45440



Letter to the Editor!

Dear Robert & Barbara,

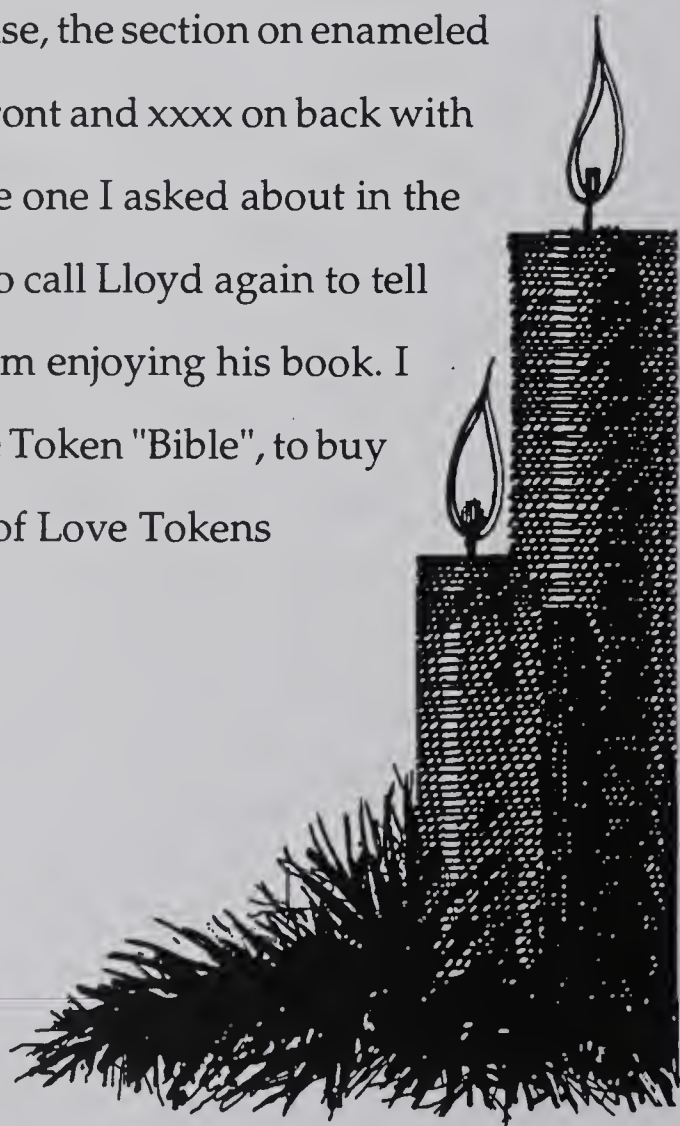
I was happy to receive the Oct/Nov '95 Love Letter. After reading it, I decided to order Lloyd Entenmann's book. I called him and we had a nice chat. I also called Sid Gale and ordered 4 tokens from this issue (I am having trouble finding them at coin shows, however).

I just received Lloyd's book. I read the first chapter, then I decided to glance through the plates of Love Tokens. To my surprise, the section on enameled tokens, I found #194 (Shilling with Victoria on front and xxxx on back with 4 colors enameled, dated 1887). This is the same one I asked about in the Token Talk column several months ago. I had to call Lloyd again to tell him about my surprise find, and how much I am enjoying his book. I recommend any member who does not have the Token "Bible", to buy one. It is a must if you are an active purchaser of Love Tokens

Best regards

Al Skornick

LTS #859



A Love Token Hoard

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scenics. Two scenes have cats chasing mice, another two have horses, while three others have owls. Carrie is driving a wagon. Flossie, a small chick, has broken away from her shell and Kirk's pocket watch reads nine o'clock.

There is an anvil, initialed J. T. W., three Masonics, a shoe and two with roller-skates. Three coins have sailboats, one a mailpouch, another a harp. Three more have deer or stags, one a swan and three with birds.

There are two sets of cuff links. The half dimes have the letter "D". The best and earliest set is from the Civil War and has cannons and anchors representing the army and navy.

May favorite and the only known love token to me is "A school marn laying the rod and teaching the golden rule to a boy whose initials are F.G.P. Have any of you ever seen one like this?

Of the two 1883 V nickels, one is Masonic and the other has the very fancy initials J.C.E. A two cent piece has a large letter "P" surrounded by a beautiful floral bouquet. The 1865 Indian penny has a six pointed star with crescent and a 1847 large cent has a boat propeller with the initials L.C.F. Use your imagination as to what his occupation was.

In finishing, hopefully all who read this tale will have the good fortune of findings a hoard of love tokens also. Love Tokens have come a long way! Dave Bower's had an auction recently and mentioned he had them. Dealers like them because they are one of a kind. Sol Taylor wrote a beautiful treatise in the early 80's and Lloyd Entenmann has written a superb book. You should own a copy of each. I do. Also, the Newhouse's have excelled in making our newsletter beautiful, informative and superb. Love Token's have never been more popular than they are now! Keep collecting and above all, have fun.

Bob Wester
LTS #453



?You Asked?

Q = How can you determine the sequence on intertwined initials?

A = That question is asked literally a million times and is similar to the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg. Among engravers there is no standard. Engraving is a free style profession. In fact in checking with several engraving institutions, the rule seems to be to learn the exactly procedure for each letter in a given style. Practice it until you have it down perfect, then alter slightly each letter and adopt that alteration as your distinct style. Then you will always be able to identify your work at any later date. This is great for the engraver but is useless to the observer. When initials are intertwined is when the love token collector is stumped. Especially if all the letters are the same height. Many engravers will vary the height of the letters to distinguish the sequence. Thus the shortest is the first initial, the middle height the middle initial, and the tallest the last initial. Generally when they do this, the tallest letter is in the middle to sort of balance the over all effect. This seems to be the most used method. Some engravers will use a different design inside the walls of each letter, so that by following the design you can determine where the letter is. It is when you have three or more initials and the same style and inner design is all the same is when you have a real problem. Some letters in some styles lend themselves to still maintain their individuality, which can be helpful. However some combinations tend to blend into one another. That can be hopeless. Each individual case is unique, and you have to do the best you can in deciphering the sequence. It is hoped the above may be helpful in some cases, others no. Sorry, there is no hard fast rule.

Q = What about enamelled love tokens?

A = Enamelled love tokens are not very plentiful, and usually are rather expensive if you can find a good one. The big problem with enamel is that it cannot take usage. If a coin is to be enamelled, usually the engraving is done deeper because the enamel fills in the crevice so that it is even with the surface of the coin. If the enamel is above the surface, it will chip much quicker and more easily. We have seen more love tokens that were at one time enamelled but the enamel has all but disappeared, than we have seen fully or at least still half enamelled. Good enamelled love tokens are beautiful and generally more expensive, but they also require more than normal TLC.

















































Q = Is it better to buy sets or individual pieces? (such as earrings, cufflinks, etc.)?




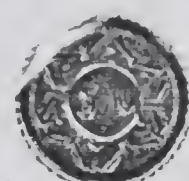







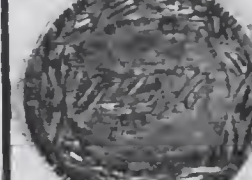


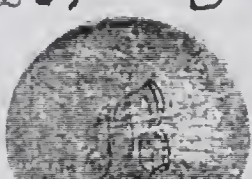
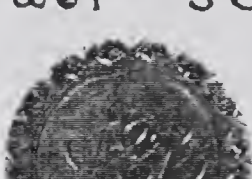
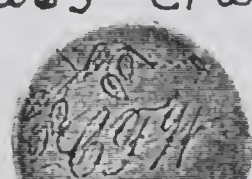
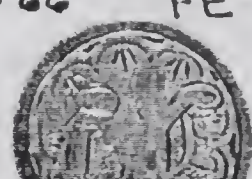
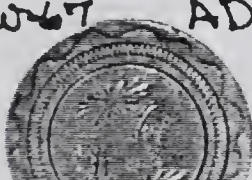
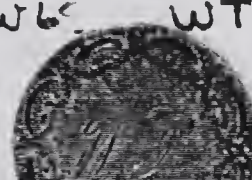
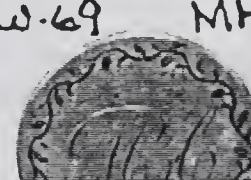

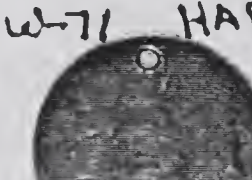
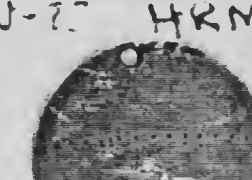


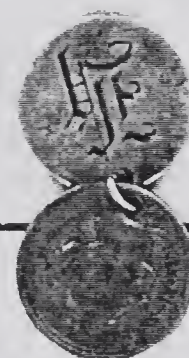









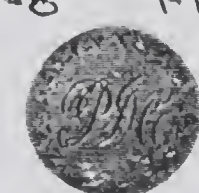

A = That is a matter of preference. If you intend to wear them, then you want the pair or set. Generally you are more apt to find only a single piece (the other having been lost by the original owner). Having a matched pair does not usually command a premium unless you have a multiple set, such as a necklace, pin, and earrings and/or cufflinks.

Q = Can you make modern love tokens?

A = Why not? However, it is not as sentimental today because our coins have no bullion value. Remember, part of the original thought behind the love token was that it was made from a coin that the giver worked hard to get. A copper penny in the

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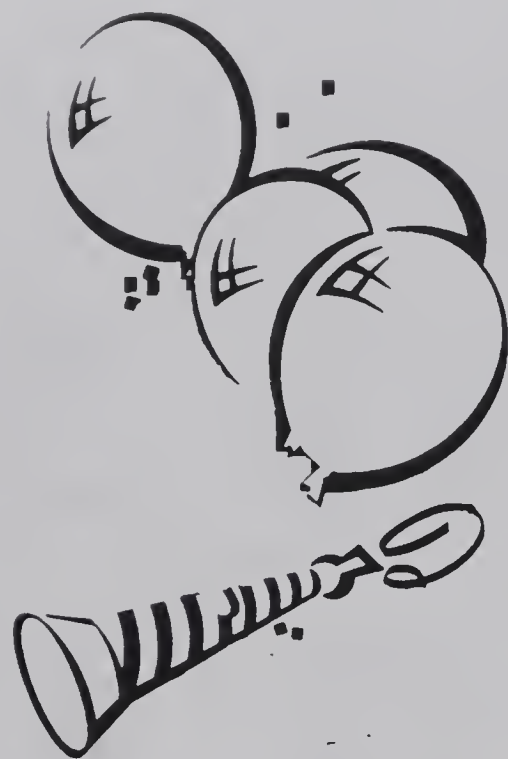
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YOU ASKED?

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1700's was a whole day's pay. What is a penny worth today? For that matter, what is a dollar coin worth - - it is even shunned to circulate!

Lloyd Entenmann



Ordering Love Tokens

Please send all requests to Sid Gale, P.O. Box 970,
Mandeville, LA 70470

In remitting,

Please do not forget to include the postage as follows:
Orders up to \$50.00, add \$1.50; up to \$100.00, add \$2.75;
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Love Letter

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